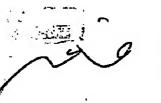
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Feminists at

for French

A few weeks ago President Carter issued a proclamation

setting aside a day in October as "Leif Eriksson day", in competition with Columbus

intended to please the Icelan-dic-American community but alas, in an attempt to please

proclamation-writer offender

metriment to everyone else by describing Eriksson as a meri-torious "Norseperson". We are used to chairpersons,

of either sex, camerapersons, newspersons (they usually work for "a media"), and con-gresspersons. "Norseperson

was thought more ridiculous still (it led to jokes about Vimonarchs) and, as usual, dis-tracted people from serious

questions about women's place in society.

The distraction is self in flicted, and comes from aca-

demic obsessions with trivia. Two women, Casey Miller and Kate Swift, have write a book, Words and Women, to

put the case on a sounder basis.

language contributes to keep

serior to that of men.

They use philology and sociology to explain their ideas and, as these things go, it is a moderate and sensible statement of the case. On the other hand, their basic thesis is un-

sound a further illustration of

The error is most neatly illustrated in a passage about

the effects of Norman French on the English language.

"Meanwhile, the French in-fluence on English, which had begun with the Norman inva-sion in the eleventh century,

"Many words like countess, duchess, princess, lioness, en-chauress, sorceress—along with their masculine counter-

parts—found their way across the Chennel with little change, and in imitation of these French imports the ess suffix began to be attached to native

American parochialism.

a loss

words

From Patrick Brogan Vashington, Nov 23

Big majority against PR system for Scots assembly poll

A system of proportional representation for elections to the proposed Scottish assembly was rejected by the Commons by 290 votes to 107 last night. Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, interpreted the vote as

encouraging for advocates of proportional representation for European assembly elections in Britain. Conservative whips, however, believe the vote on that, later in the session, will be similar.

Liberal leader optimistic

By Fred Emery
Political Editor
The House of Commons last
aight rejected a system of proportional representation (PR)
for the elections to the proposed Stattish assembly. The
division rejecting an amendment supported by backbenchers from all parties was
107 to 290.

However, Mr Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, which champions PR as a means of getting its electorate better represented chose to see the result as "auguring well" for a similar vote later in the session on the way the European assembly elections will be conducted in Britain. ducted in Britain.

Considering that the Government last night did not support PR, contrary to its formal preference for it in the European elections Bill, Mr Steel proclaimed the result "respectable".

It was recknied provisionally, that the Liberals and Scottish and Welsh nationalists word in favour, together with abour eighty Conservative and Labour MPs, roughly equally

improvement for the PR pro-ponents over a similar vote in the early hours of January 26 on the combined devolution Bill. Then PR was lost by

rom there to assume that last ight's vote heralds an pproaching victory for PR. onservative whips, while concling that as many as 40 or the might have voted for PR to the painty believe that the painty as the painty believe the painty the painty the painty that the painty that the painty the painty that the painty the painty that the painty

Mr Steel is doubtless mindful Mr Steel is doubtless mindful of the looming call from Liberal activists to break the party's pact with the Government if Labour MPs can be held responsible for the eventual failure of PR for the European assembly elections. The only formal commitment he has from the Government is the one embodied in the Bill, that the regional list system of PR is

boned in the Bill, that the regional list system of PR is the prime proposal.

However, Liberals privately claim that the Government has undertaken to deliver the "payroll" vote of ministers and junior ministers, while going through the motions of free vote.

Last night's smendment, tabled by Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab), Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C) and Mrs Marchael Paint (Punh

(Edinburgh, Pentlands, C) and Mrs Margaret Bain (Dunbartonshire, East, SNP), also algoed by Mr Russell Johnston, Liberal MP for Inverness simply proposed the principle of PR, with the precise system to be specified later.

With its defeat, of course, the House never got to the merits as between the "single transferable vote" and the "alternative member" systems

Instead, with only a few minutes left for debate on clause two before the "guillotine" of the agreed timetable fell, the House, as committee of the whole, passed clause two by a vote of 208 to 180.

The clause sets up the

Decisive Ogaden

Somali forces were reported to have attacked the Ethiopian mountain city of Harer. Heavy

fighting was said to be going on. The battle there could de-

cide the outsome of the four-month-old war for control of the Ogaden desert Page 7

Doctor accused

at Biko inquest

A doctor being cross-examined in the Steve Biko inquest in

Pretoria was accused of break-ing the Hippocratic oath. He had described the health of the

Black Consciousness leader as "satisfactory" the day before Mr Biko died, and had sanctioned the patient's 700-mile road journey from Port Elizabeth to Pretoria Page 7

Paris: Policeman killed as man

tries to shoot his way into the Elysée Palace 6

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his novel Staying On

battle opens

Clause three, on the timing of the election and the assembly debate continued: Clause one, which asserts that

the Bill does not affect the United Kingdom's unity and United Kingdom's unity and which the Government lost on Tuesday night, will doubtless be reinstated by ministers at a later stage. To egg them on, the Conservatives tabled a new amendment yesterday seeking to make explict Parliament's inherent right, to make any law for the United Kingdom regardless of devolution.

for the United Kingdom regard-less of devolution.

Mr Leon Brittan, Opposition fromthench spokesman on devo-lution, insisted that, as the Bill stood, bereft of clause one; "there would be absolutely nothing to stop the Scottish assembly repealing" any West-minster legislation; he said it was difficult to think of any-thing more "calculated to foment disunity".

In Whitehall, meanwhile, a bold from was presented; the

bold from was presented; the loss of clause one was not held crucial to the Government; nor was the mayerick double voting was the marerick double voting proposed by some Tribune Group Labour MPs. It was later learnt that eight of them voted in both lobbies last night, not in regard to FR, but in the vote on clause two.

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Dr and Mrs Smit and their children:

Economist murdered in S Africa

From Eric Marsden and Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Nov 23

Johannesburg, Nov 23
Dr. Robert Smit, one of South
Africa's Leading economists,
and his wife leanne Cora were
killed at their home at Selcoust,
near Springs, 25 miles east of
Johannesburg, late last might,
barely a week before Dr Snit;
was to have stood as a National
Party candidate in the general
election. He had apparently
been seeing constituents during
the evening.

Polling in Springs has been

Polling in Springs has been cancelled because of the murders and a by-election will be held later.

held later.

Dr Smir, who was 44, was shot three times, on the right side of the seck, on the right of his head and in the chest, and was stabbed once in the back. His body was found in a pessage. His wife had gurshot wounds above her left ear, in her side and in the kner and had been stabbed 14 times in the back. Her body was in the the back. Her body was in lounge. Police said that slogans had

lounge walls with the letters and "TEM".

Brigadier J. Smith, chief of detectives for the East Rand, declined to speculate on what they might mean, but RAU is a frequently used abbreviation for the Rand Afrikaans University in Lohanneahurs. sity in Johannesburg.

The Argentine Automobile Club said several towns, among them Caucete, 20 miles from San Juan, were almost reduced to rubble with 80 per cent of their houses collapsed. Tonight authorities imposed a curfew in Cauceta to prevent longing.

in Cancete to prevent looting. Telephone and some road links

were cut in the area.

San uan City, rebuilt since
1944 to resist earthquakes,
escaped major damage. But
tracks in the runway and control tower made the airport
unusable. Crevices up to 7th

wide and 10ft deep appeared

Passes across the Andes to Chile were blocked by fallen rocks and local authorities in

San Juan province sent out calls for hundreds of tents to shelter the homeless.

am today after Dr Smit's black chauffeur had failed to get a reply when he knocked on the reply when he knocked on the door. It was unlocked so he went in and saw blood in the passage and the doctor's body Dr and Mrs Smit's children, Robert aged 16 and Liza, aged 13, were today sitting examinations at their boarding schools in Paratrals. in Pretoria, maware of their parents' deaths. Headmasters of the two schools were waiting until relatives had been contacted to discuss the children's

Dr Smit was to have taken part in a straight fight in the election with Mr Dick Byrne of the Progressive Federal Party. In 1974 Mr William Grobler won the constituency for the National Party with a majority of 979. In a tribute today Mr Byrnessald 97 Smit had fought the Election campaign without mudslinging. Shock and sympathy was also expressed by Mr John Vorster, the Prime Minister, and Dr Connie Mulder, the Information Minister, who was to have shared a pistform with Dr Smit

shared a pistform with Dr Smit towight.

Dr Smit was generally thought likely to get a Cabinet post—possibly the Finance Ministry—if he won the seat, which would have crowned a brilliant career in commerce and public service.

and public service.

Dr Smit and his wife, who was also South African, were married in England during his Oxford studies. They had moved into the house where they died only a month ago, in readiness for the election.

We will not budge on pay, Mr Callaghan tells trade unionists

The Government intends to tand firm on its policy of limiting overall rises in earnings to 10 per cent and will not give in to the striking firemen. That was the Prime Minister's blunt and uncompromising message to

Mr Callaghan was heckled by left-wing militants when he addressed the policy-making conference of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication, and Plumbing Union at Black-pool shortly after meeting area leaders of the Fire Brigades Union. He had to run a gauntlet of 400 jeering and chanting firemen's pucket to set into the firemen's pickets to get into the onference centre.

But about two-thirds of the

But about two-thirds of the 600 electricians' delegates gave him a standing ovation after he explained why the Cabinet was standing so resolutely by the wage rise guidelines. The others pointedly stayed in their seats and did not

The Prime Minister rold delegates: Wherever the Government or the local authorities are engaged in wage negotiations everyone watches like a hawk, ready to pounce if the Government breaks its own guidelines. And once that happens everyone else uses it as an excuse to do the same. That is why the Government stands firm. If it did not, the guidelines would be trampled in the mud.

Mr Callaghen said that he had been said that he had

been told that some private employers were pretending to keep within the guidelines but were offering disguised deals

"I have some evidence that this is beginning to happen, although it cannot yet be widespread because not many of Britain's 25 million workers have had their wage claims settled, only about 3 per cent

members could not possibly stand firm on the guidelines if the Government gave way. Well,

the Government is standing

in the private sector are doing the same, even at a short-term cost to themselves. Do not let them be undermined by their fellows. For heaven's sake, let us stop fighting each other and destroying ourselves in the

There was a heavy respons bility on everyone—Govern-ment, trade unions, employers —to prevent the folly of 20 or 30 per cent settlements.

"Some people may not like this language," he added, "but I cannot sit by and watch us give way for the sake of a quiet life, or for an easy run-up

He said the phrase used by the Chancellor on pay policy— that there should be a 10 per cent increase in national earn-ings—had been the cause of misunderstanding. It was earn-ings the Chancellor was talking about, as he made clear at the

time, not wage rates.

"That figure of 10 per cent on national earnings seems to be becoming accepted as a 10 per cent increase in rates", he

added.

"The Covernment is recommending that settlements should be kept within the limit of 1. per cent. If that is done, in 12 months time it will be possible for me to meet you and to say that taxes are lower, living standards are higher, the economy is growing and we are

economy is growing, and we are creating more jobs."

Mr Callaghan talked to striking firemen for just over half an hour at Bleckpool Town Hall, and afterwards Mr Bill McLaren, regional secretary of the FBU, said: "He said 'I just do not know how we are going to get out of this.'" The striking firemen insisted

that there must be more money on top of the tenth offered by the local authority employers. But the Prime Minister said he sibility for the success of the pay policy, and argued that others would demand the same bargaining freedom if the employers went outside the guidelines.

Mr Murray wary of fire strike intervention

David Basnett, TUC chairman, and Mr Len Murray, general secretary, "should maintain close contact with the Fire

Brigades Union.".

Mr Murray made clear that he would be doing what he could to help in bringing about an agreement but added:

service.
and his wife, who outh African, were England during his each resolution. The resolution passed unaminously by the general council, after a report from Mr Terence Parry, FBU general secretary, expressed concern at the seriousness of the

shepherdess and goddess."

Byidently, the authors cannot speak French. The French for lioness is Lionne and for socceress, Sorcière. There is no evidence from their book that they can speak any foreign langues. By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter.

The TUC General Council is acceptable settlement."

Ready to help to "facilitate a negotiated settlement of the firement's strike but refrained from taking a stand in the dispute.

A brief statement issued after yesterday's meeting said the general council agreed that Mr David Basnett, TUC chairmen and Mr Lan Murray seneral executive, at present dispersed

executive, at present dispersed from London, has been recalled for an administrative meeting on Monday Retaliation warning : The Wales

TUC said yesterday that there would be "severe retaliation" if other unions attempted to recruit firemen during the present dispute (Tim Jones writes from Cardiff). The warning came after reports that some unions, including the National Association of Fire Officers, had been asking firemen to leave the ERU the FBU. inder-linking call, page 2

guage.

If they did, they would know that "sexist" language, us they define it, is impossible in most other languages—and this lack of discrimination has had no evident beneficial effects on the status of women. women in a crowd together are

referred to as the masculine you cannot use person, as a suffix in French, but if you did it would always be femining.

feminine.

Gender, in French and in other romance languages, is a matter of Latin grammar or of sex (lion-lionne, president-presidente, speaker-speakerine) and is immutable. German has three genders, of course.

French women, German women, Spanish women or South American women are in Continued on page 7 co. 4 Continued on page 7, col 4

TUC foils Leyland hopes on pay muddle

Leaders of the TUC dashed 1 but this would have meant giving several thousand workers hauling the chaotic wage barases in the cars toru 12 mounts period. The division, by refusing to sanction the breach of the 12-month rule which would have been necessary. The company TUC's general council was aware of a warning from the mineworkers that if Leyland settlement date from November

Arab property boom stackens

The Arab property boom may be ending, some London estate be ending, some London estate agents say. Most Arabs have finished their buying, it was stated. They bought when the market was low and did brilliamly well. Many were wary of the "silly" prices asked and were turning to the United States and France. But north London agents did not think I'm an unrealistic price to ask for Witanhurst, the 60-room mansion at Highgete Page 6

Churches oppose **National Front**

Churchgoers are to be asked to sign a declaration by the British Council of Churches denounc-ing the National Front. The Front has also been condemned by Church of Scotland leaders, and a statement by Roman Catholic bishops is expected

Missionary tells of 'forced sex'

A roung Mormon missionary told magistrates at Epsom, Surrey, that a former beauty queen kidnapped him from ou side his chapel and shackled him to a bed for sexual intercourse. He said chains, ropes and padlocks were used to tie him down.

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strikers end fast

was allowed to breach the rule, they would respond immediately Page 23 The four and two strike comninee members have been suspended for four weeks by their union, the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), and have lost their strike pay.

By Our Labour Staff

quarters in London, which began on Monday. They left after shaking hands with Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary,

The four ended their protest, aimed at achieving a tougher. TUC line, after learning that the general council had decided against further initiatives.

At least 50 people were reported killed and 250 injured

today when an earthquake near the foothills of the Andes struck

the western Argentine province of San Juan. The early-morning

neighbouring countries and buildings swayed alarmingly in Buenos Aires, 800 miles away.

Early reports located the epi-centre some 18 miles east of

centre some 18 miles east of San Juan City, capital of a wine-growing province. In 1944 the city was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake in which up to 10,000 people died. Most of the damage and deaths in today's earthquake were reported in the south of the province, where several nowns were badly damaged.

Buenos Aires, Nov 23

Grunwick

Four Grunwick strikers yes-terday abandoned their hunger strike outside the TUC head-

been daubed in red on the lounge walls with the letters "RA-U" and "TE-M".

Brigadier Smith said there was no sign of a break in or a robbery. It was thought that Mrs Smit had died first. Her husband's body appeared in

Strong earthquake wrecks Argentine towns

There was panic in Buenos Aires and other Argentine cities when the first shock struck at 6.28 am, sheking buildings for up to two minutes. Streets filled with hundreds of barefoot people in their pyjamas, many carrying children and briefcases stuffed with precious possessions.

The earthquake was felc Richter scale—the strongest earthquake recorded this year. In December, 1972, a tremor registering 6.3 on the Richter scale killed 10,000 people in Nicaragua.—Reuter. Nicaragus.—Reuter.
Cyclone toll: A Janesa Party
leader from the cyclonestricken Indian state of Andhra
Pradesh said in Deshi that
nearly 50,000 people were
feared dead, according to unofficial estimates.

The earthquake was felt throughout most of Argentina. Across the River Plate it was the first registered in Montevideo, the Uruguyan capital, this century. It was also felt in southern Peru and in the Brazilian cities of São Paulo and Porto Alegre, up to 1250 Mr T. Venkatramiah, who came to Delhi to mobilize relief operations for the state, said about two million people were and Porto Alegre, up to 1,250 miles from the epicentre. believed to be homeless.

The Samachar news agenc reported today that cholera had broken out in three villages and has already claimed several lives.—Reuter.

'Think tank' report on overseas services meets barrage of criticism in the Lords

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster
The heavily criticized report

by Sir Kenneth Berrill and his Central Policy Review Suff ("think tank") on the Diplomatic Service and overseas representation had its first parliamentary outing in the Lords Section of the Lords yesterday. Seldom can such a star-studded cast have assem-bled all with one purpose in mind: to bury this ill fated document so as to leave as few traces as possible.

Among its most controversial Among its most confroversal recommendations were those for serious reductions in the activities of the British Council and the BBC's external services, the closure of at least 55 diplomatic posts overseas, including 20 Embassies and high complete mission, and more interchange between the Home Civil Service and Foreign Service with the creation of a Foreign Service Group to replace the Diplo-

two British commissioners to the EEC, made any attempt to be nice to the "think tank". He gave a warning against over-reaction to its ideas and sug-gested that the document was a useful piece of shock therapy forcing those engaged in Britain's overseas effort to see themselves as some of the post imperial generation in Britain saw them.
But, Lord Thomson con-

tinued, the central recommenda-tionsc were mistaken, although there were some sensible pro-posals of detail. The "think tank" should have been urging on Parliament and the Government the need to produce funds necessary to enable the BBC external services to be heard properly throughout the world. He was strongly in favour of interchange between the Home and Foreign Services, but what was suggested in the report was unrealistic.

Lord Home of the Hirsel,

Lord Saint Brides, Lord Eccles,

Only one peer, Lord Thomson Lord Shackleven and Lord Rai-of Monifieth, who, as Mr George lantrae all roundly condemned Thomson, was one of the first the report.

Lord Home said the document was a charter for pessimism and defeatism and he hoped the Foreign Secretary would not accept its recommendations. The review was introspective and introspection was the last thing that this country needed at the present time.
The external service of the

Uppsala, Nov 23.—Sweden's National Seismological Institute

BBC was an asset that should not be put at risk by paring or pinching Lord Home pointed out that the English kniguage was established as the language of science and technology and it could remain in that position only if it was taught overseas. The British Council was more acceptable for that purpose than any other agency of the British Government. Lord Saint Brides, a former

high commissioner, likened the "think tank" team to eight-earth century doctors. They were both great believers in the virtues of bleeding but unlike those doctors they had not paid sufficient attention to how much blood the patient had

Rhodesia to hold inquiry into atrocity claims From Frederick Cleary

Salisbury, Nov 23 The Rhodesian military command is holding an official inquiry into allegations of atrocities carried out by the security

forces. Mr Anthony Parker, Secretary of the Ministry of Combined Operations, said today that a board of inquiry convened on September 26, and due to complete its findings shortly, was investigating " certain actions". He did not elaborate.

Mr Parker said all allegations of irregularities were investigated by the military authori-ties. "Tuese investigations in remote tribal trust lands inevitably take a considerable time to complete because of the diffi-culty of locating witnesses," he

said. Two months ago Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, said he would welcome an indepen dent investigation by a bona fide body because "our conscience is absolutely clear ". Parliamentary report, page 12 1 a Treachery " criticism, page 7

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deal offered to Merchant Navy officers

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

The threat of industrial action by Merchant Navy officers and cadets receded last night after union negotiatiators had accepted a productivity deal giving

between 7.5 and 15.5 per cent. The agreement will have to be retified by the executives of each of the four unions and sanctioned by the Department of Employment. The payments, from November 1, are in addition to a phase two £2.50 to £4 award, backdated to June 1.

If there is a final settlement 't will remove the last secious hallenge to the TUC's ruling hat unions should not delay hase two rises in the hope of doing better under phase

Agreement came suddenly and unexpectedly. The unions met sensor negotiators of the General Council of British Ship-ping for the second time in 10 days and progress was so rapid that the meeting was upgraded to National Maritime Board

More than two hundred management staff at the nationalized Swan Hunter shipvards on the Tyne are to re-ceive 20 per cent pay rises, backdated to August 1. The deal follows pay comparisous with other yards considered by the Central Arbitration Com-nittee under the 1946 fair wages provision, which is not subject

Productivity | Amnesty investigates Army-RUC 'brutality'

A team of three Amnesty International, including a lawyer and a doctor, will arrive in Northern Ireland next week for a 10-day investigation into allegations of brutality by the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the British Army.

It was learnt yesterday that Amnesty will also be scrutinizing the operation of counter-terrorist legislation in the province, with particular reference to sections of Acts relating to arrest and detention.

Already it is clear that the investigators will be con-fronted with a mass of detailed and professionally documented allegations from "loyalist" and republican groups and from members of the legal and medical professions. They will interview alleged victims of illtreatment in many parts of the province.

Among the more bizarre items awaiting them is a 40minute amateur video portraying the type of treatment it is alleged that suspects receive at the baseds of police

interrogators. The rape, which includes vio-lent dramatized scenes and an ad-libbed script peppered with four-letter words, has been made by a civil liberties group connected with the Protestant Ulster Defence Association.

The lawyer heading the Amnesty team is Mr Douwe Korff, of Holland, who earlier this year led a similar investi-gation into brutality claims against the police in the Irish Republic. After Amnesty's

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set up an official inquiry.

Human rights "law": A call for the incorporation of the European Convention Human Rights into United Kingdom law was made yester-day by a Government-tinanced body that has been studying the situation for nearly two

report by the Northern Ireland Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights, will be referred by the Government to a house of Lords Select com-

With only one note of dis-sent, the 10 members of the commission rejected the idea of a separate Bill of Rights for Ulster, arguing that such a move would have many legal and practical difficulties and would be unprecedented in would be unprecedented in international law because the province is still an integral part of the country. The commission suggested

instead that Ulster should be included in a Bill of Rights covering the whole country. The Cabinet is understood to be divided on the desirability of a United Kingdom Bill Terrorism "diminishing" Ter-rorism in Northern Ireland is not such a large-scale problem now, Mr Concanon, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland

Office, said yesterday. Office, said yesterday.

For too long violence in the province had made headline news day after day and night after night. "Now that situation has changed dramatically", he added. "Only occasionally do we rate big news trestment."

Ruling on traffic warden case not binding

A court ruling reducing the power of traffic wardens applies only to Nottingham, the Autmobile Association

yesterday.
On Tuesday a judge at
Nottingham Crown Court had
ruled that convictions that resulted from traffic wardens' actions did not carry the pen-alty of a licence endorsement. As speculation increased that the decision meant an "amnesty" for thousands of motorists with similar endorsements, the AA said: "This is a Crown Court decision, and as such is not binding anywhere

else. The only court to which motorists can go with any sort of guarantee is the Nottingham One."

On Tuesday Judge Heald upheld a conviction against Dr Roy Saunders, of Nortingham City Hospital, for ignoring a warden's signal when driving through traffic lights, but ordered his endorsement to be delayed.

The AA added that it was taking a cautious view of his ruling. "We naturally hope that all courts will follow suit. But each one will have to make its own decision."

its own decision."

Mr David Ritchie, chief prosecuting solicitor in Nottingham, said the police had decided not to appeal against the ruling. It was up to Parliament to close the loophole in the Road Traffic Act, 1972, he added

he added.

The Home Office said it would make no comment until it had seen a transcript of the

Tory call to index-link firemen's pay

Mr Whitelaw, opposition spokesman on Home Office affairs, called yesterday for a

Mr Whitelaw, visiting London's emergency fire head-quarters, said firemen, police and the Armed Services were in a very special relationship to the general public. That is why I should like to see a no-strike clause written into their agreement", he said, "In return they should have a comreturn they snound have a commission that would ensure that their earnings are index-linked to average earnings."

Mr Whitelaw, who was with Sir Ian Gilmour, defence spokesman, criticized the Government for not using specialist RAF and naval fire.

specialist RAF and naval fire-fighters sooner.

Asked whether the Govern-ment should have done more for the troops' comfort, Sir Ian

said: "It does look as if the answer is "yes". Earlier Mr Michael Brothercommission to index-link firemen's pay to average industrial earnings in return for an agreement that they would not strike again.

Mr Whiteless vicinize Land and the way he had of their toxic effect. appeased" the firemen while

> Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, Conservative MP for Kinross and West Perthshire, said it was an outrage. "The soldiers have outrage. "The soldiers have shown the utter immorality of striking. They are perfectly willing for less money to live in worse conditions and do their duty. But the striking firemen's dispute will be pro-firemen, living in luxury, for minent in those talks. better pay, will not do their

equipment and access to spe-

fire extinguisher after a young Serviceman had been overcome extinguishers in 1968 because

An emergency resolution soldiers had to do their jobs in supporting the firemen was squalid conditions. grounds at yesterday's meeting of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee. But the committee decided to send a Goddess" fire appliances after deputation to see the Prime Minister and the Chancellor about the application of the Covernment's pay policy. The

In Derby, Mr Thomas Warkins, general secretary of the Chief and Assistant Fire Meanwhile, in Plymouth Servicemen's wives launched a campaign against the living conditions of their fire-fighter husbands and calling for better gave a warning that a further strike by power workers, caus- a house ing a great increase in the use Durham.

The Army yesterday banned of candles, might create a the use of an outdated type of disastrous situation when there was only minimal fire cover. But in Berkshire nine series by fumes at a fire in Derby, officers went on an anofficial Fire brigades withdrew the strike in support of the fire officers went on an unofficial men. There are now 15 fire officers on strike in the

county. Members of the National Union of Public Employees who work for Staffordains County Council at Gnosail, said they would not refuel "Green tomorrow. They gave warning

that their action might spread the to other union brancher. At least three people died is fires vesterday. At Bottesford, near Nomingham, Mr Normar Gale, aged 40, had been over come by smake in a fire at mismoke. A man aged 46 died of a house fire at Spennymoor, in

MP explains

voted twice

Voting by a member in both

lobbies at once on the occu-sion of the Government's delest

on clause one of the Scotland Bill was a "procedure for

recording positive abstention", the perpetrator, Mr Arman

Latham, explained, during exchanges in the Communication

A complaint that Hansard's

division withmetic was rendered

erroneous by the practice was raised with the Speaker by Mr

Malcolm Rifkind, Conservative MP for Edinburgh, Pentlands,

By Our Political Editor

why he

Debate hint on health

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent A strong case exists for more public discussion about charges for health and personal social services, the House of Com-mons Expenditure Committee says in a report published yes-

terday.

Righer charges might deter
patients, although Department
of Health and Social Security evidence was ambiguous. Long waiting lists, reflecting inade-quate resources, might also deter people. The balance was difficult and MPs should be in a position to debate the relative advantages.

The report, an examination of what White Paper figures mean for health, social services and patients, says income from charges, was not included, so the figures understated the real resources being devoted to the services. The sum was £95m for England alone in 1975-76 and should in future be shown in the White Paper, the report

The committee says it is for the department to monitor events in the services and for the committee and Parliament to monitor the monitoring. The department should develop indicators of performance, in particular measures of access to show to what extent people in different steas have an equal chance of obtaining treatment and care. There should also be measures to show improvement or deterioration in the physical environment, amenities and in patient satisfaction

The committee is not con-vinced that the department can accurately assess the impact on services of unplanned cuts. Economies might encourage innovation, such as the use of five-day wards. But availability or quality of services might suffer and the department should ensure that it could monitor unplanned cuts to minimize harmful effects.

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It was important to distinguish short-term from long-term consequences of reducing the investment budget.

The report recommends that the department should improve its forecasts of the effect of meaningument on henefits and unemployment on benefit; and that studies should begin on the relationship between nagement costs and patient

Nuth Report from the Expendi-ture Committee: spending on the health and personal social ser-vices (Stationers Office, £2.10).

More journalists in 'Mirror'

wages tussle By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

Labour Reporter
Journalists on the Sunday
Mirror, Sunday People and
Reveille joined their Daily
Mirror colleagues yesterday in
rejecting a management ultimatum that they must accept
a company pay offer or be dismissed.
The Daily Mirror was accide.

a company pay offer or be dismissed.

The Daily Mirror was again not printed in London last night after journalists, who were dismissed on Monday, had reaffirmed their rejection of the management's terms.

Yesterday's decisions leave the strong likelihood that the other three: publications will also be halted in London. The editorial staffs of all three have been given until 11 am today to accept the terms or be dismissed. The Sunday Mirror journalists intend to hold another meeting today.

The board of Mirror Group Newspapers decided on Sunday to suspend publication of the

to suspend publication of the newspaper in London until the 285-strong National Union of Journalists chapel [office branch] accepted the offer and guaranteed that they would

meetings.

Officials of the Manchester
NUJ chapel told the London
journalists' meeting yesterday
that it would oppose a management plan to print the newspaper in London by using flongs of pages made up for

cease disruptive mandatory

the northern edition.

Discussions on the plan with printing trade union chapels continued yesterday. But any attempt to operate the plan will at least await a meeting of the National Graphical Association executive today.

Meanwhile senior manage-

ment members were considering limited increase in the Man-

a limited increase in the Manchester printing so that some
copies could be distributed in
the south.

The Mirror journalists, have
been claiming £3,000 a year increase to give them parity with
composing room staff. The management's offer would give
them £1,533 in salaries and
allowances, an editor's merit
review and payments for special
skills needed in new photocomposition techniques.

Newham campaigner sues executive chiefs is being challenged in the courts by the "Campaign to. Representative Democracy", organized by two Oxford lecturers, Mr Julian Lewis and Mr Paul McCormick.

By Our Political Reporter left-dominated national executive committee may have to defend its policies

in the High Court as a result of writs being served on eight of its members last night. Those named in the writs in-Those named in the writs in-clude Miss Joan Lestor, chair-man of the party, and Mr Nor-man Atkinson, party treasurer. The legal action is the latest in the saga of Newham, North-East, the constituency that dis-owned Mr Reg Prentice as its MP when it was controlled by left-wing alsonatts. Since the there has been a political

In October the national executive decided to suspend the party's management and executive committee and its

rive has acted ultra vires in agreeing to the suspensions. He asks for them to be declared Others named in the writs restcruty. are: Mr Ian Mikardo, Mr Eric Heffer, Mr Frank Allaun, Mr Nick Bradley, and Miss Joan Maynard. Four party officers are also named: Mr Ronald

Mr Lewis has issued writs

stating that the national evecu-

Hayward, general secretary, Mr Reginald Underbill, national agent; and Mr John Keys and Mr Bill Jones, two senior London party officials.

officers, and institute an in- Mr McCormick said last quiry, which started last Sun-night: "This action is of great day. It is the suspension that constitutional importance.

Labour's NEC covers up pay policy differences

By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter

Labour's National Executive Committee yesterday covered up a disagreement with the Coverament over the operation of the pay policy by deleting some highly critical words before approving a motion.

Mr Mikardo, a prominent left winger, said the press would treat the motion as dynamite" if it swood in the form tabled by two other leftwingers, Mr Norman Atkinson, treasurer of the party, and Mr Williams, of

The two wanted a delegation to "put to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer, the political and electoral consequences and application of the pay policy". Any reference to electoral

consequences was taken out and the motion was approved by 14 votes to 3. Two trade unionists, Mr Bryan Stanley (Post Office Engineering Union) and Mr Harold Hickling (General and Municipal
Workers' Union) voted with
Mrs Williams, Secretary of
State for Education and
Science, against.

When the Prime Minister sees Miss Joan Lestor, chairman of the party and Mr Ronald Hayward, general Secretary, he will be told that the NEC believes that some pay settlements in the private sector appear to break the 10

per cent guldelines, whereas in the public sector there is extreme rigidity.

Miss Lestor, however, ruled out of order a motion by Mr. Nick Bradley, the Young Socialist, which wanted the exec-utive to back the claim by the Fire Brigades Union.

they could not take up an individual wage claim. Mr Tuck, of the National Union of Ruil-waymen, said he would be distinctly unhappy if the national executive took up his union's Mr Dalyell wage claim. Mr Stanley said Lothian (voted the NEC would be raking up a servatives only in defeating position that was going against clause one of the Scotland Bill

the Government.

Mr Haward told his colleaes that the NEC had never intervened in an individual industrial dispute without the union concerned having asked it to do something.

The national executive also decided yesterday to postpone until next month consideration of whether the party should participate in the direct elections to the European Parliament. The Bill is to have its second reading in the Commons tonight. Behind the decision seems to

lie the view of some opponents of the EEC that they should not commit themselves on this issue until after the second reading.

There is to be a meeting of the Cabinet and the national executive on Monday, when the whole question of Britain and the European Community will be discussed. Direct electiday were dropped by shop tions, as such, will not be on stewards on the ground that

Mr Latham, Labour MP for City of Westminster, Paudington resorted that nothing in Ers kine May, the parliamemary procedural bible, provided for it either way. He commended it to members: whereas sometimes they had cancelled out a mistaken vote by going through the other lobby as well, he suggested "deliberate mi-

takes" could have their day The Speaker was not happy. He remarked that Esskine May's reference regarded the practice as a "mistake not e demonstration": it could be come something quite new in proceedings if members no

persisted: people might find it difficult to decide. Here the Speaker petered Out. He was already recerring Union leaders as well as gave no ruling knowing that MPs on the NEC, agreed that a handful of members are proon the edge of a precedent. He paring to choose the system as a way of protesting at the Government's forcing them to yote tomorrow for the European Assembly Elections Bill. Mr Dalyell (Labour, Wes

> in support of the Conservative A dangerous

psychopath' A boy of 13, described as a dangerous psychopath, who stabbed a girl aged 11 twice and left her to die on his beurgom

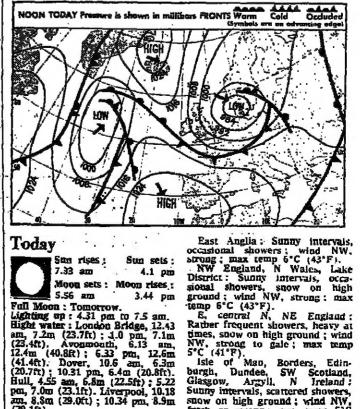
fiour, was ordered at Chelmsfoor, was ordered at Chelmsford Crown Court. Essex, yetterday to be detained at her Majesty's pleasure.

The boy, who denied murdering the girl, was said to have shown signs of sexual sudism and deviation

Strike plan dropped

Plans for an unofficial 24-hour strike by 40,000 hospital water and local authority workers in Birmingham yester support was insufficient.

Weather forecast and recordings



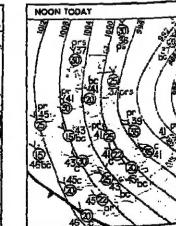
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4.1 pm Moon sets: Moon rises:

5.56 am 3.44 pm
Full Moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.31 pm to 7.5 am.
Hight water: London Bridge, 12.43
am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 1.0 pm, 7.1m
(23.4ft). Avonmonth, 6.13 am, 12.4m
(40.8ft); 6.33 pm, 12.6m
(41.4ft). Dover, 10.6 am, 6.3m
(20.7ft); 10.31 pm, 6.4m (20.8ft).
Hull, 4.55 am, 6.8m (22.5ft); 5.22
pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 10.18
am, 8.8m (29.0ft); 10.34 pm, 8.9m
(29.1ft).
A rather cold NW to N airstream covers the British Isles.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight;
London, SE, central 5 England.
Midlands: Sunny spells, scattered
showers; wind NW, moderate or
fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).
SW England, S Wales, Channel
Islands: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind NW, fresh
or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).
WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDA

Outlook for tomorrow and Saurday: Becoming mostly dry, with sunny intervals, some wintry showers in E at first: night frosts

sunny intervals, scattered showers, snow on high ground; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 5°C Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Muray Firth, NE. NW Scotland, Orkney, Shedaad: Bright intervals, occasional showers of skeet or snow, heavy at times: wind N. strong to gale; max temp 5°C Outlook for removers.



Sea passages: S North Sea.
Strait of Dover: Wind NW.
strong to severe; sea very rough
English Channel (E1: Wind
NW, strong to gale: sea rough
or very rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind, NW, strong to gale, perhaps severe gale at first; seavery rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm. 9°C (48°F): min. 5 pm m 6 am. 6°C (43°F). Humidib. 6 pm. 73 per cent. Rain. 24 hr to 6 pm., nit. Sun 24 hr to 6 pm., nit. Sun 24 hr to 6 pm., 1007.7 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars 29.53in.

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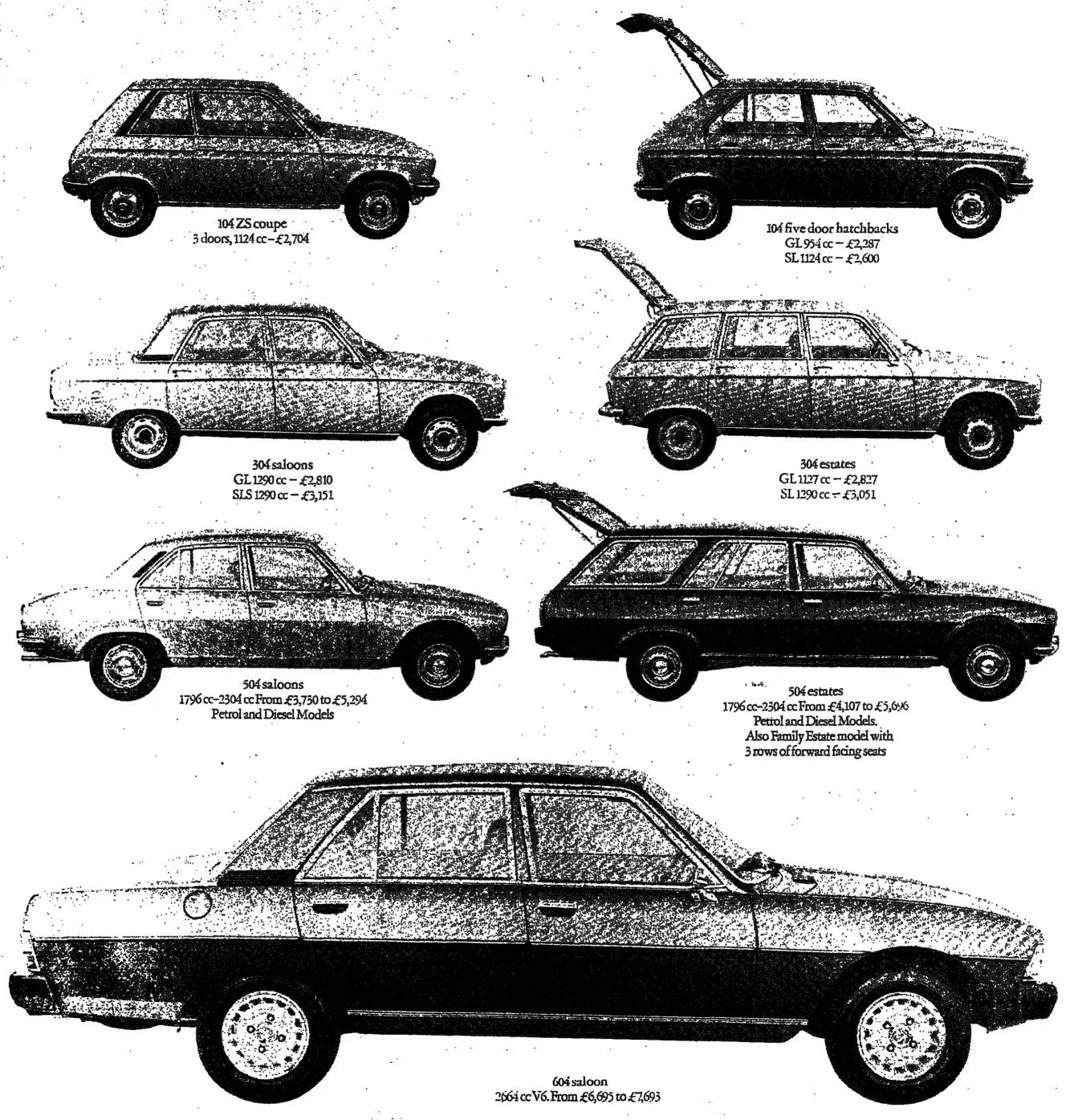
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Churchgoers will be invited to sign a declaration against National Front's race activities

amble will be circulated to all congregations of member churches for signatures.

The preamble to the sixpoint declaration contains a condemnation of "the strident voices of racism", Dr Kenneth Greet, secretary of the Methodist Conference, explained to the assembly: "The activities of the National Front are a much contained to the secretary of the National Front are a much contained to the secretary of the National Front are a much contained to the secretary of th murky stream drawing upon poisonous waters and polluting the life of the nation".

He said reports that a small group of clergy had joined the National Front were difficult to believe, and he hoped they

The initial signatories of the declaration are to be the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, who is president of the British Council of Churches, followed by the 150 assembly

In the light of clashes bein the light of clashes between National Front members and counter-demonstrators from the Socialist Workers' Party, the declaration states that racialist attitudes will not be defeated by violence in the streets "but by an open and unvielding commitment to freedom and racial justice for all".

The text of the presemble and

The text of the preamble and declaration states: All who are concerned with the well-being of the people of these islands must be disturbed by the strident voices of racism which are increasingly making themselves beard. selves heard.

They are a growing threat to the prospect of achieving a society

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
Churchgoers throughout the kingdom are to be invited to sign a declaration against racism adopted unanimously yesterday by the assembly of the British Council of Churches, meeting in Derbyshire. Copies of the declaration and its preamble will be circulated to produce cynicism and despair.
We recognize that those who are
experiencing these difficulties or
who are threatened by them have
fears for the future and for their
fumilies. The difficulties, fears,
and perplexities are real, but we
believe a racist response is no
answer.

answer. We welcome the greater attention which is being given to these matters, and particularly to racial discrimination, by government, political parties, other institutions, and by the churches. The situation is urgent and calls for serious examination and reflection by all Christian people, and it calls for nositive response. a positive response.
Is our whole society to be based

on respect, freedom, and equality, or on intolerance, inequality, and racism? Our traditional ideas of

racism? Our traditional ideas of tolerance and respect are being eroded and are in danger of being lost. Some feel that only those who live in mixed areas are involved. On the contrary, it concerns us all Are we as Christians effectively building good relations between communities and belping to overcome the evils of racial batted? This is surely one of the clearest tests for Christian conscience in this country. There are some commitments which indeed we must affirm.

must affirm. The six declaration are:

1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ sets forth the unity of the human race; the acceptance in love of all within the human family;

2. We assert again the claims of love and justice to seek the good of others and will work for the full human rights of all;

3. We recognize that Britain is now a pluralist society of varied races, cultures, and religious; we must respect those who practice different religions and adhere to different styles of life;

4. We believe that the racialist policies and activities of the Narional Front and other similar bodies are entirely contrary to the declaration are:

nation : 5. We believe that racial attitudes 5. We believe that racial attitudes will not be defeated by violence on our streets, but by an open and unyleiding commitment to freedom and racial justice for all; 6. We therefore urge Christians and non-Christians to act in ways which are free from racial discrimination and to support these values which are the foundations of our democratic society.

values which are the foundations of our democratic society. As a witness to the stand against racism we call upon: all to sign this statement as I clear commitment to a tolerant and just society freed from racism of all kinds.

The statement from the The statement from the British Council of Churches is likely to be one of three from church authorities condemning the National Front this week.

The executive committee of the Church of Scotland's Overseas Council issued a statement on Tuesday saying that ment on Tuesday saying that community workers employed by the churches and the YWCA to work with families of different ethnic background in Scotland "are deeply concerned about the growth of racist propaganda, and the activities of the National Front." It

continued : continued:

By distorting facts the National Front is exploiting the present economic and social problems to further its racist aims. Using a strategy only too familiar, it is stirring up racial hadred by suggesting that coloured people are the cause of our problems."

The Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and

Conference of England and Wales, now meeting in London, is understood to have on its agenda a call from the Roman Catholic Racial Justice Commission for an explicit condemnation of the England Research and Research tion of the Front, and an asser-tion that Roman Catholics should not join or support it. Any statement to that effect is expected to be issued by the bishops today.

The association says that, in Scotland, Prestwick is unsuitable as the main intercontinen-tal sirport because it is incon-

be debated

lution's report in 1975, which gives a warning of "nuclear terrorism" and of proliferation of atomic weapons.

He has drawn first place for a private member's motion on December 2. A five-frour debate

Inquiry into spending on airports sought

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent .

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce called yesterday for a parliamentary investigation into public spendng on airports.

Commerce and industry bad suffered because of delays in the publication of the White Paper on airport policy, Mr Norman Ashton Hill, chairman of the association's air transport committee, said. "It might just possibly appear at the end of the year, but this is far too

The association's request for an investigation has been sent to the trade and industry subcommittee of the Commons Expenditure Committee chaired by Mr Edmund Marshall, Labour MP for Goole.

Mr Ashton Hill said: "We have done so because of the grave concern in industry and grave concern in industry and commerce at the continuing indecision in the vital area of airports policy." The development of Manchester airport had been halted until the White Paper appeared, with "grave consequences" for the entire north and central belt of England.

The association, in its letter, calls for the development of Manchester airport to intercontinental standards, for the provision as quickly as possible of full European services for the regions, and for properly integrated surface transport facilities for the main airports.

Local authorities should play a bigger part in the running of airports in the future, it believes. One option would be to transfer the profitable Heathrow and potentially profitable. Gatwick to two consortia of local authorities, "thus providing profitearning assets for the local representatives of those who suffer the inconvenience of aircraft noise".

Such a move, it says, would offer an incentive to the local authorities involved to en-courage the use of the airports rather than hamper air transport by obstruction of planning permission for such essential ancillary facilities as ware-

Stansted airport, despite its improved motorway link, looks potentially less successful than municipally owned Luton, it says, and the cross subsidy from Heathrow gives it an unfair advantage against its rival.

rement for the main population centres. It suggests that the main Scottish airport of the future, Glazgow Abbotsisch or Edinburgh Turnhouse; should be handed over to a consortium of local authorities.

Atom terror 'to

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, is instaining a Com-mons debate on the Royal Com-mission on Environmental Pol-



Mr Nicholas Bonham, managing director of Bonham's, with portrait, loving cup, scarf and cricket bat, on the roof of the Hilton hotel, London.

Bids invited for jubilee souvenirs

By Penny Symon
About 150 specially invited guests who the organizers of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal hope will live up to their reputations of being "good at putting their hands in their pockets" will bid for jubilee memorabilia in London tonight.

tonight.

The auction will be attended by Prince Michael of Kent and about 60 items will be sold. It has been organized by Mr

Christopher Joll, secretary of the appeal's ideas committee, and will be conducted by Bonham's.

Mr Joll explained that manuscript in the souvenirs

Mr Joll explained that manufacturers of jubilee souvenirs had been asked to give to the appeal an example of what they had produced for the jubilee. The response was good and it was decided that most money could be made if gifts were auctioned. As well is companies, members of the public had sent jubilee items to the appeal with the instruction that they should be used in any way for should be used in any way for

its benefit.

Items from the manufacturers include muss, plates, jugs and cutiery, as well as books, records, jewelry, cases of champagne, furniture, and

an enormous red-white-and-blue scarf (seen above). Those from the public are more unusual Mrs Gladys Boyd, of Carlisle, has sent a scrapbook full of cigarette cards dating from about 1900, and the Ses Cadet Corps, Slough, a cricket bat signed by players in the 1958

Test match.
Mr Calvin Howard, a jewelry designer, has painted the Queen in Cubist style, and has pre-sented the work, which he values at about 53,000, to the

auction
The generosity of government departments has varied.
Mr Joll said the Crown Agents had given a leather-bound album containing 72 stamps depicting events through the 25 years of the Queen's reign.

£9.6m paid to those injured by criminals

The Criminal Interies Com-pensation Board vaid a record total of 19.6m in 1976-77 to more than 16,000 claimants according to the board's annual report and accounts, published yesterday. In the previous timancial year 56.4m was paid to 13.300

The highest award in 1976-77 was more than £55,000 to a was more tuan 233,000 to a middle-aged woman blinded in a shorgun attrack in 1971. The delay in the payment arose because her injuries could not be assessed until after medical tractions had anded. treatment had ended.

During the year the board received more than 22,000 applications, representing # 21 per cent increase on the previous year.

It is stated that 2.930 police officers received awards for injuries on duty, compared with 2.298 in the previous year. Many of the 109 claims arising from disorders at the Notting Hill carnival last year were from police officers.

On mass disorders, the report On mass disorders, the report says: "If there are further senseless mass disorders, from whatever cause, we will inevitably receive further applications from unfortunate people, needlessly injured, who will have suffered pain, possible permanent disability, and will have to be compensated from the public purse.

The board has examined the awards for gangs and terrorists and decided that although each case will be dependent on its particular circumstances a member of a violent gang will not usually be awarded any compensation, notwithstanding the fact that his injuries were unconnected with his membership of the gang.

Criminal Injurus Compense Board, thirteenth Re (Stationary Office, 60).

Sir Harold on 'military takeover'

By Fred Emery, Political Editor

The attempt continues to draw out Sir Harold Wilson into embracing or denying alle-gations against Britain's security services reportedly attributed to him.

Mr Peter Blaker, Conservative MP for Blackpool, South, the pursuer, yesterday published recent correspondence with Sir Harold in which the former Minister reiterated his total agreement" with Mr allaghan's statement on

August 23. The Prime Minister then declared that reported allega-tions did not constitute ground for lack of confidence in the competence and impartiality of Britain's security services.

Mr Blaker therefore challenged Sir Harold to answer, or make a statement in the House, in further detail about the allegations.

In his letter Sir Harold raises another sensational point, that "an intended military takeover of the British Government" was a story two journalists informed him they had produced. The two journalists, who are not named, had gained Sir Harold's cooperation n investigating the supposed South Africa connexion in

tehe Jeremy Thorpe affair. Sir Harold says he cooperated with the journalists only so long as they worked at the BBC. "I gave them no further assistance but saw then thereafter, when the informed me that they had gone independent, and also produced a story about an intended military takeover of the British Government. I later leavet that their book, supposedly on the "South Africa connexion, had switched to sensational stories about murder plots".

Two footballers sent for trial

Rachid Harkouk, aged 21, and Barry Silkman, aged 25, Crystal Palace footballers, were committed for trial at Inner London Crown Court by Highbury magistrates yesterday charged with possessing 25,000 forged American dollars on October 6. Mr Harkouk, of Stamford Brook Avenue, Hammersmith.

and Mr Silkman, of Commercial

Street, Stepney, were each

granted bail of £4,000.

525,000 latch-key children left alone after school

Day-care facilities in Britain Day-care facilities in Strain for school-age children are so poor that an estimated 675,000 children are left alone during the holidays, 300,000 of them aged between five and 11. After school hours 525,000 are left alone, more than half of them below the age of 11 below the age of 11.

below the age of 11.

Those figures, which amount to the first reliable estimate of the number of "lamb-key" rhildren, were produced yesterday by Mr Robin Simpson, research officer for the National Consumer Council. He told the annual seminar in London of the National Council for One Parent Families that they indi-Parent Families that they indi-cated that Britain not only lagged behind other European countries in care for the under-fives but that the needs of older

children were being ignored. Most of the "latch-key" children were in single-parent families who were caught in a painful dilemma between caring for their children and their need to raise living standards. scale publicly supported programme of day care for chald-ren they would be supervised by "increasingly harassed and isolated individuals" or, worse, left unsupervised and in considerable danger.
Mr Simpson was one of a

30 months' jail

for magistrate.

in assault case

From Our Correspondent,

to three of the girls.

public servants".

"As a result of this case there will inevitably be those who,

interested in the denigration of

our institutions, will gladly cry this is a corrupt man, and

all magistrates are corrupt '."

number of speakers calling for much more help for single-perent families from local and perent families from local and central government. Dr Valerie Karn, of Birmingham University, said homeless families were better off in the old workhouses than in the bed-and-breakfast accommodation now widely used for the homeless by local authorities.

"Many families still walk the streets by day to qualify for a bed for the night", Dr Karn said. "The workhouses were more humane; at least they sheltered the family all day." The Government was ignoring the housing needs of one-parent

and their only hope of a decent home at a reat they could afford lay with local authority housing. Professor Roy Parker, of Bristol University, estimated that three quarters of children going into care each year come from one-carent

families by emphasizing owner-occupation and giving little encouragement to local authorities to build for rent, Dr. Karn added. Only one lone parent in six was an owner-occupier, compared with more than half of families generally,

iron one-parent families. Urgent steps should be taken to stop their numbers growing, and better housing and day-care services should be pro-vided to relieve the strains on one-parent families, he said.

Watch on language teaching

By Diana Geddes

The Government has decided to monitor standards of pupils' performance in modern languages in schools in England and Wales. A working group on modern languages has been set up by the assessment of performance unit at the Department of Education and Science and is due to hold its first meeting before the end of the

Modern languages is fourth area of the curriculum in which it has been decided in which it has been decided that pational standards should be monitored by the departments. National testing of the performence of pupils aged 11 and 15 in mathematics is to begin next year, testing in English language is, due to start in 1979, and in science in 1980. No date has been set yet for modern languages. modern languages.

Government grants totalling nearly £500,000 have just been awarded for two research projects into the development of suitable tests to assess pupils scientific performance across the curriculum. Professor D. Layton, of Leeds University, has been awarded £228,486 for a five-year research project, and Professors Paul Black and Peter Kelly, at Chelsea College, London, £248,000.

children have been made eligible by a large increase in the income limits below which

me income timits below which they qualify.

A family on the average wage of £70 n week with two school-age children will now qualify for free school meals if it has high housing costs, for example, substantial mortgage repayments. The official view is that so many children will it that stigmarising war.

qualify that stigmatizing prac-

The tests will include an assessment of pupils' observa-tion evaluation and use of evidence, testing hypotheses and the use of experiment. The and the use of experiment. The avessment of performance unit emphasizes that while science depends on verbal and mathematical skills it is also concerned with special forms of communication, techniques and approach. It was therefore as likely to be relevant to the historical or geographical inquiry as to the physical or chemical situation, it says.

The Government has already given grants totalling £305,000 for research into English tests, and £403,000 for the develop-

ment of mathematics tests.

The tests, which will be carried our on samples of between 10,000 and 12,000 pupils in each of the 11-year-old and 15-yearold age groups, are designed to give a broad picture of national standards in certain areas of the curriculum, and not to

gauge the performance of individual pupils or schools.

It is hoped that they will
provide a basis against which
the level of performance of the child's performance in most
the curriculum, and not to ment, feelings for quality, capacity to harness imagination and
feeling in creative work. That
again will be studied across the
child's performance in most
parts of the curriculum, including mathematics and account. pupils of the same age in future years may be judged, and provide a national norm against which local authorities can assess the standards in their own schools. The information obtained will also help the Gov-

Order compelling

hotel room prices

The order, which cover horels, motels, guest house

inns and self-catering accom-modation, is intended to com-

plement a voluntary code of booking practice drawn up last

New whips

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display of

By Pauricia Tisdall

ernment to decide how resources could be deployed most jailed for effectively. The unit has set up expora

tory groups to advise on the feasibility and desirability of monitoring standards in three other areas: the personal and social development of pupils, the development of their aesthetic appreciation and their physical development. Personal and social develop-

ment has been taken to include the pupil's understanding of himself, his sensitivity and sense of responsibility toward others, and his moral attitude towards his environment. Political education, history, litera-ture, religious education, drama and debate are all considered relevant curricula activities.

The child's aesthetic development has been taken to include appreciation of form, colour, texture and sound;

ing mathematics and science. The child's physical develop-ment will be studied in the context of his ability to use his body efficiently and expressively, whether in using a paint brush in handling a scalpel or resulted in the issue of passificial in the issue of passification.

Magistrate six months

A Jamaican magistrate who sits ar Wells Street Court. Westminster, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court

yesterday to six months imprisonment for his part in a fraudulent passport ring.

The jury found James Festus Fairweather, aged 50, guilty of tountersigning false passport application forms. Judge Buzzard told Mr Fair

weather that hih duty was a sad one in regard to a man who had served as a warrime air gunner as a volunteer, and had shown courage and devotion.

"I have to bear in mind you misused your position as a life and this I cannot overlook?, the

judge said. Mr Fairweather, of Sudbourne ing to make statements that to his knowledge were untrue for

the purpose of procuring pass ports. Mr Brian Wathing for the prosecution, had said that be-tween 1972 and 1976 there was a fairly large operation to obtain genuine British pass-

cirisel, or in dancing. Plan to keep watch on troublesome families

From Arthur Osman Birmingham Legislation to compel hotals to display room prices in foyers or entrance halls was announced yesterday by Mr Meacher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade. estates into small blocks of properties and put them under The Tourism (Sleeping Accommodation Price Display)

close supervision.

A recent review had taken Accommodation Price Display)
Order, 1977, comes into operarion on February 1 and compels hotels with four bedrooms
or more m show the maximum
and the minimum prices charged
for each category of room.

The maximum penalty for
failing to do so without
reasonable excuse will be a fine
of £200. note of growing protests from council house residents about

The new proposal will be opposed by the Labour Party,

The main requirement of the code is that hotel guests should be given written details of charges for overnight accommodation at the reception desk. Mr Meacher said: "The two measures together not only Correspondent bring our practice more into line with Rocope but in one important respect put Britain ahead. For, in some countries, guests do not find the price

displayed until they have reached their bedrooms, where-as guests in this country will have this information before taking up accommodation." However on the more controversial question of the statutory classification and registration of hotels, Mr Meacher was less forthcoming. The English Tourist Board and other tourist organizations have campaigned for some time for such a scheme. An experimental voluntary register lists only a fraction of the hotel accom-modation known to exist. one listened. Standards of care

Mr Peter Snape (West Bromwich, East), an assistant government whip, was appointed a senior whip last night to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation last week of Mr. David Stoddart (Swindon). Mr James Marshall (Leicester) has been appointed an assistant

which said there were no areas that could be earmarked for such concentrations without causing distress to neighbours. It was felt that it would concentrate into small blocks. demn parents to life in "an antisocial ghetto" because of their children who were out of control and from whom they

probably needed protection themselves. council house residents about the policy of spreading problem families among them in the hope that being put among good neighbours would help to improve their standards.

The controlling Conservative group thinks that that policy has not worked and that it is time to protect good tenants from an antisocial minority.

The new proposal will be opposed by the Labour Party,

Fears of falling standards in health service By Our Health Services

Correspondent
Falling standards of care in
the National Health Service
have not yet reached the point
of no return but there are grave
dangers, Mr Reginald Murley,
President of the Royal College
of Surgeons said yesterday. . Asked whether he agreed with the view expressed by his pre-decessor, Sir Rodney Smith, two years ago that the service was on the edge of a precipice, Mr Murley said that many people had been pointing out for years the threats to standards but for the most part no case listened Chandrade of Care

were carried on the shoulders

Community hall project wins Heritage award

By Our Planning Reporter

A small community associa-tion in one of the bleaker areas of Portsmouth yesterday received the first prize of 52,000 in a new conservation award scheme organized by Save Britain's Heritage and sponsored by the Lesser Group The prize winning project involves the still incomplete restoration of a former church ball for use as a community centre. It is being made by the Somerstown Community
Association in a district surrounded by waste land and
tower blocks of flats and with high rates of juvenile delin-quency and suicide. were carried on the shoulders of professionals, doctors and nurses, and it took a long time for cracks to show.

Difficulties sprang, he felt, not only from shortage of money but from industrial relations within the NHS, and the inflexibility of the system.

There were alternative and supplementary methods by which medical care could be financed that would make it easter for doctors and patients to enjoy a more personal relationship and sometimes a better service.

Six other entries were commended out of more than a hundred submitted. They are the copyection of Beyerley Friary, Humberside, into a youth hostel; new workshops in Castle Barracks, Edinburgh; adaptations of the Corn Exchange, Wallingford, and the Electric Palace einema, Herwich, for use as theartes; renovation of the Hope Chapel, Hotwells, Bristol, as a community centre; and restoration of the Great Barn, Avebury, Wilightre, as a centre for the study of rural history.

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Pupils receiving free meals 'humiliated' By Pat Heady Social Services Correspondent Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is being challenged to launch a drive among education Harry Bunker, aged 60, a authorides to stamp out "stig-matizing practices" in schools against children taking free meals. The Child Poverty Action Group contends in a report published today that humiliation of free-dinner chil-Southampton magistrate, was jailed at Winchester Crown Court yesterday for 30 months after being found guilty of six charges of indecently assaulting five young girls.

Mr Bunker, who was said to have sexually assaulted the girls in the toy cupboard of a children's home in Southampdren is widespread.
Group members throughout the country each spent one bour collecting information on practices in schools and came up with many examples of poor children suffering humiliation because they claim free ton while he was the superin-tendent, was cleared by the jury of six men and six women of three similar charges relating

Judge McCreary, QC, told Mr Bunker that he had brought incalculable damage to the magistracy "that hard-In a Cambridgeshire school. free-dinner children are made to sit at separate tables and have to wait for second help-ings until the paying children have had theirs. In Kent one school issues tickets of a difmagistracy "that hard-working and dedicated body of

8,000 ITV staff

two pay award

About eight thousand inde-pendent television employees have accepted phase two rises of £4 a week and rejected a

Three of the five unions involved accepted the offer, which dates from July 1, two months ago. The two others, the Association of Ciremato-

graph, Television and Allied Technicians and the National Union of Journalists, sent formal letters of acceptance

last week.

A BBC offer to its staff of

10 per cent has been rejected by the Association of Broad-casting and Allied Staffs, rep-

resenting 14,000 employees and they have since taken protest

action, including stopping tele-

vision programmes.

The BBC has said it will implement its offer "in the best interests of the staff".

A private inquiry into the death of Simon Peacock, aged seven months, whose parents were jailed for his man-

slaughter, ended yesterday after evidence from 26 witnesses.

Baby death inquiry

accept phase

call for strike action

ferent colour to the paying publicity campings to inform children; one of the free parents of their rights to free dinner children was so upset school meals. Many more that she offered to give her children have been made dinner children was so upset that she offered to give her mother all her pocket money to pay for her school meals.

In Essex, paying children get all their tickets on Mondays, while free-meal children are issued with tickets daily. In south-east London free-meal children have to enter the dining room by a different door and call out their numbers door and call out their numbers as they enter. At Billericay, Essex, the children are lined up in separate queues according to whether they pay for their meals or not.

Such practices have been condemned by successive ministers, the report says. Yet the collection of so much evidence in one hour suggests that free-meal children continue to be

humiliated every day.

The action group's evidence
was collected two days after
Mrs Williams had announced a

Training urged for further education staff By Our Education

Correspondent
All new full-time teachers in further education colleges who have not had any training in teaching should be required to take a systematic training course during their first year of teaching, a government advis-

ory committee says in a report issued yesterday. A summary of the report, by a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on the Supply and Training of Teachers, has been sent to local education authorities, further education colleges and the 10 regional advisory councils for further education in England and Wales, which give advice on the provision of courses in further education.

The report proposes that new entrants to full-time further education teaching who have not had preservice training and who have had less than three years' teaching experience should take an induction training course involving release for the equivalent of one day a week throughout one academic year, together with a period of block release of not less than

qualify that stigmatizing practices will end. But Mr Frank Field, director of the action group, said yesterday that the matter would not be dropped. Further reports would be produced showing that stigma was widespread and endemic in the free-meal system. Free School Medis: the humiliation continues, by Frank Field (CPAG Welfare in Action report, I Mackin Street, London, WC2; 25p plus 10p postage). MP wants public scrutiny of Special Branch By Our Home Affairs Reporter

The work of the Special Branch should be subject to public scrutiny and chief con-stables should be encouraged to reveal more about the strength and work of the branch, a Labour MP said yesterday.

Mr Robin Cook, MP for Edinburgh, Central, has writ-ten to ask Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, to ask chief con-stables to include a statement on Special Branch officers in their forces in annual returns. In his letter, he told Mr Rees that a survey by a group called State Research had shown that only one out of 36 reports for 1976 included details of the Special Branch. Mr Cook added: "It is par-

ricularly striking that the annual report of the Metropolitan Police makes no reference at all to the Special Branch at new Scotland Yard, which includes over half of all Special Branch officers. "The survey suggests that New Scotland Yard has 550 officers out of a total national strength of at least 1,100." .6m paid those ured by iminals

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Arabs wary of 'silly' prices asked for houses

By Annabel Ferriman The Arab property boom may be over, several London essare agents said yesterday. Most Arabs have done their buying. They bought when the market was low and have done brilliantly well, according to Mr Andrew Langton, of Aylesford's, Chelsea.

Others are being frightened off the London property mar-ket because of the unrealistic prices asked, and are turning to France or the United States, Mr Trevor Abrahamson, of Glentree Estates, Golders

Mr Abrahamson, who earlier this year sold Beechwood House, Kenwood, to King Khaled of Saudi Arabia for £1.9m. said that houses over £150,000 had taken a drop in price in the past six months.

The home of the late Sir
Eric Miller in Little Bohons, Eric Miller in Little Boltons, Kensington, on the market about four months ago at £825,000, had dropped to £675,000, he said. Arabs were getting wise to the "silly prices" asked by some owners. Whanhurst, the 60-room mansion in Highgate, north London, on the market at £7m was an

sion in Highgate, north London, on the market at £7m, was an exception. Mr Abrahamson described it as the "crown jewels" of London property. He and Aylesford's both bad Arab clients inperested. The mansion, overlooking Hampstead Heath, has 12 acres with planning permission for 63 houses. It is owned by a Kuwaiti, Mr Al-Hasouwy.

Mr Abrahamson did not consider £7m unrealistic. It had been bought a year ago for been bought a year ago for £1.3m, had had £500,000 spent

on it and was unique.

Mr Robert Rogers, of Benham
and Reeves, Hampstead, also
did not think £7m unrealistic. did not think I'm unrealistic.

Mr Frederick Ruddle of
Hampton and Sons, the Hampstead company that sold Kenstead Hall, Hampstead, to King
Khaled for a rumoured I'm,
said: "Once an Arab sees
something he likes he is willing
to pay for it."

Caning to stay
Essex Social Services Committee decided yesterday to retain the use of the cane as punishment for boys under 15 in three community homes, although the principals and staff of two homes said they wished

From Our Own Correspondent

Millions of people in Britain lack numeracy (the ability to handle numbers with confidence), the West Midlands region of the Association for Adult Education was told at its annual

Mr Richard Freeman, director

of the National Extension Col-

lege at Cambridge said many

more people were affected than those considered to be illiterate.

North of England had asked people in the street how many 7p stamps could be bought for El, he said. The result had been

a 100 per cent failure rate, with many "absolutely kudicrous" answers. The indication was

that people could not handle

The conference was given an outline of a 13-part television

series on numeracy to start in January on the independent net-work, originating from York-shire Television. The series is

called Make it Count and is the first television-based numeracy

Television interviewers in the

terday.

TV series to aid 'millions'

who cannot use numbers

Missionary 'forced to have intercourse'

infatuated with a young Moraton missionary, aroused him into having sexual intercourse with her while he was chained to a bed, magistrates at that their relationship was at Epsom, Surrey, were told an end but she would not

yesterday.

Joyce McKinney, aged 27, was said by the prosecution to have followed Kirk Anderson, the missionary, across the world because of her "all-consuming passion" for him, kidnapped him with a friend's help, and kent him shackled in a courage kept him shackled in a cottage in Devon.

Miss McKinney, of Asheville.

North Carolina, is jointly charged with Keith Joseph May, aged 24, of Maywood, Calatornia, with forcibly abduct-Cahtornia, with forcibly aboute-ing Mr Anderson, aged 21, at the church of Latter Day Saints at Ewell, Surrey. They are also charged with assaulting and uniswfully imprisoning him at Okehanpton, Devon; possess-intent to kidgen; and possessintent to kidnap; and possess-ing an offensive weapon, a bottle of chloroform. Reporting restrictions have been lifted. Mr Neil Denison, for the prosecution, said Miss McKinney was consumed by two passions. The first was a harred

passions. The first was a harred
of the Mormon church. The
second was her desire for or
love of Mr Anderson.
Mr Denison said that shortly
after Miss McKinney and Mr
Anderson met they had sexual

intercourse. What was importent was that the Mormon church forbade sexual intercourse before marriage. Mr Anderson later told her accept it. He moved from Utah

to California and Miss McKin-ney followed him there. Mr Anderson asked to be sent to Britain to avoid her. But she would not give up. In September, 1976, he went to East Grinstead, Sussex, then Reading, Berkshire, and finally to Epsom. Counsel said that on Septem-

ber 14 Mr Mey and Miss Mc-Kinney forced Mr Anderson into a car outside his church. They had an imitation revolver and a bottle of chloroform. Mr Denison said they sarrived at the Devon cottage five hours after the kidnapping. Miss McKinney made clear that she was not going to let Mr Ander-son go until he agreed to marry

between him and McKinney.
There seems little, if any, doubt that Anderson was tied to the bed." Counsel continued: "Anderson says he did not want to have sexual intercourse. He says he was stimulated by Mc-Kinney and that she was the active partner. She says he was shackled to the bed but

to as bondage sex. She says
Anderson was a totally willing
partner." The next day Mr
Anderson was released and
driven to London and put on a train to Epsom.

Counsel said Mr Anderson continued: "I spent that night with Joy in the same room. Nothing of a physical nature took place. Bob Bosler (Mr May) placed a leather strap attached to a chain on my leg the next day and he attached the chain to the bed.

"Joy told me if there was to be a ransom, the ransom

to be a ransom, the ransom would be that I would have to give her another baby. Mr Denison asked: "Although you did not mentally want it to happen, how could it physically have occurred?" Mr Anderson replied: "She had oral sex."

Later, he lost his temper and at one point I picked her up and threw her across the bed. She said she was going to get what she wanted whether wanted to or not".
On the third night of captivity, Mr Anderson said, he was spreadeagled on the bed and forced to have sexual inter-course with Miss McKinney. "When she came into the

from there was a fire in the fireplace and she put some music on. She was wearing a negligee. She came to me as I

"She proceeded to do that but I could tell she wanted to have intercourse again. I said I did not." She left and returned a few minutes later with Mr

WEST EUROPE

Mr May and Miss McKinney used chains, ropes and pad-locks, to tie him down on his

locks, to the hun down on his back to the four corners of the bed. She tore the pyjamas from his body and "she proceeded to have intercourse".

Mr Stuart Elgrod, for the deferment of Miss McKinney, suggested that at no stage was Mr Anderson ever fied up in the cottage except for the purposes of sex games. of sex games. Mr Anderson said: "No, no,

that is wrong." Mr Anderson admitted that on the night he and Miss McKinney had sexual inter-course he had asked her for a Mr Elgrod described that as highly erotic, and asked Mr Anderson if he had not been

courting temptation. Mr Anderson replied. I do not look at a back rub like good back rub, but that does not mean that I want sex with her."

The hearing was adjourned until November 29, both defen-dants being remanded in

Civil Service admits just a little inefficiency

Civil servants are not, after all, impregnable in their pension-cushioned security of employment. As the white-collar bureacracy of government passed 250,000 in number, a Commons written reply has dischosed that 235 administrative civil servants were dismissed ment. civil servents were dismissed

The unexpected information was given by Mr Morris, Mini-ster of State at the Civil Service Department, in reply to a ques-tion from Mr Ian Grist, Conservative MP for Cardiff, North, who wanted to know how many were retired prematurely on grounds of mediciency, limited fficiency, redundancy or indiscipline. Premature retire-ment is a euphemian in the cir-cumstances because the figures cover all civil servants except those working beyond normal reprement age.

Easily the smallest ground for dismissal was that of ineffi-ciency, with only 33 victims last year. Next came limited effi-

course nationally available in

Britain.
It will be directed at adults

who have difficulty in under-standing and using the most elementary processes in arith-metric and may even stumble

and accompanying printed materials will teach number recognition; the four rules of number; simple percentages; fractions and decimals; practical

mathematics; and aids to quick

The conference was told that such adults are likely to have unpleasant memories of strug-

unpleasant memories of strug-gling with mathematics or arithmetic at school and may have convinced themselves that they are innately incapable of understanding arithmetic. The course proposed to present num-bers in a form that adults would not associate with past

The Nuffield Foundation has

given £10,000 towards tutor training and has enabled 1,000

sets of training material to be sent free to local education

calculation.

ciency, which weeded out 40, followed by redandancy, which so rid of 77. The principal reason for dismissal was that of indiscipline, which accounted for 85 rolled heads during the

A civil servant may be dismissed by his head of department, but the victim has recourse to the Civil Service Appeal Board, which can review his case. The Civil Service Department said yesterday that those removed under the heading of "redundancy" were not necessarily approaching retirement, but might be staff of any age, many of whom had reached the likely limit of promotion and were blocking the advancement of their juniors.

Not all departments fared

Not all departments fared equally. Redundancy hit hardest at the Ministry of Defence, where 55 warhorses were put out to grass. Only four were disciplined and five dismissed for varying degrees of ineffi-ciency. But at the elephantine Department of the Environ-

Short-life

up in 1976

Despite e 40 per cent increase

in short-lived redistion fall-out

last year, long-lived radio-

fall-out

By A Staff Reporter

ment 29 members were disci-plined our of the service, four were found inefficient and only one was made redundant.

Indiscipline was also a diffi-culty at the Department of Health and Social Security, which lost 10 staff members under that head. It also had one case of dismissal because of inefficiency, two of limited efficiency, and no redundan-cies.

To judge by the figures, in-efficiency is most rife in the Inland Revenue and the Civil Service Department itself. Five taxmen were found inefficient, four were disciplined end, sur-prisingly, six were made redun-

At the Civil Service Department no one was deemed to be wholly inefficient, but 24 em-ployees were required to leave because their efficiency was limited. The department made no one redundant

Departments primarily hand-ling money appear to be gratify-ingly honest and well behaved.

There were no cases of disci-plinary dismissal at the Trea-sury, the Royal Mint or the Pay-master General's Office, but remaster General's Office, but regrettably there were five such instances in the Department of National Savings. The Home Office had one disciplinary case, its only dismissal for the year, but there was evidence of much laxity in the Department o fiEmployment, where 13 were dismissed for indiscipline

ing.

The interrogation was said to have shown that the man, Paul Luces, a former naval veterinary surgeon, aged 39, had been under observation by Even those departments closest to the seat of power did not escape unstathed. Four people were dismissed from the Cabinet Office

the police for three days after threats to murder the President. His flat in Rue Haxo in No important department escaped the year with an entirely unblemished record, but among the least tarnished were the Psymaster General's Office, the Scottish Office, the Central Office if Information, the Registry of Friendly Societies, the Registrar General for Scotland and the Export Credits Guzranthe Mineteenth Arrondissement was searched yesterday. Police returned to his flat this morning and found that M Lucas had left home at about 5.15 am in a hired van. The extack on the Elysée in 1970 after claiming he was Palace came at about 10.15 am going to organize a coup outand the Export Credits Guaran tee Department, each of which dismissed only one employee

Education officers oppose free choice of schools

By Our Education

schools for parents would result in a reduction of educational opportunity for most pupils, the Society of Education Officers says in reply to the Government's controversial

over recognizing sumbers larger than 20. The programme and accompanying printed materials will reach number recognition; the four rules of gical Protection Board. choice.

The society's strong reservations about the Government's
proposals set out in thet paper In its second annual recorr toring radioactive fail-out, the board says the average de-position of caesium 137 and pressed by several members of the Labour Party.

Mrs. Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, position of caesium 137 and strontium 90 in rain during 1976 was 33 per cent and 40 per cent respectively of the values reported for 1975. Both are less than 1 per cent of the figures for 1963, the year of maximum fell-out.

is now reensuming the propos-sis to decide how they should be changed, and whether to press shead with legislation or simply to issue advice to author-ities.

Time Society of Education.
Offscers represents the admini-

strators of the education service, who advise local amborities and carry out policies.

Many officers had experience in trying to administer a system of free choice among a large mumber of secondary schools.

the society says. "The results. A system of free choice of certainty and a constantly chools for parents would re-changing pecking order, are not conducive to thoughtful plan-ning and development of the

tion paper proposes that a child should be admissed to the

school of the percents' choice unless the school is full or if the child's admission would "adversely affect the efficient

provision of education, or if the surbority felt that the school was unsuitable

Judge says pit

union wrong to

discipline men

Court vesterday.

Court yesterday.

The judge said a domestic tribunal had no power to punish a witness for supplying information to a litigant, even if that information proved to be inaccurate or unhelpful. Nor did the Yorkshire NUM tribunal have power to punish a witness because his evidence at the libel trial did not correspond with a statement made earlier to union solicitors.

earlier to union solicitors.

The judge added: "If a domestic tribunal has power to

sit in judgment on the conduct of a witness in a court of law,

no witness subject to the jurisdiction of that domestic tribunal will feel free to tell

the unvarnished truth in court if it does not correspond

if it does not correspond exactly with his former recol-

He also decided that it had been manifestly unfair to the two men, Mr William O'Brien and Mr Tom Roebuck, that Mr

Scargill was chairman at the

tribunal hearings when his complaints against them were dealt with.

Decisions had been made to

for holding office for two

Mr O'Brien, of Elizabeth Drive, Ferrybridge, and Mr Roebuck, of Elm Road, Mex-

borough, sought a declaration that the disciplinary proceed-ings were null and void.

in their favour and awarded

them costs agains the York-shire Area Council the NUM,

the union undert a not to implement the suspension

After the judge had found

lections."

implement

curriculum or to good pupil-teacher relationships." The society says that it would ment areas that would guaran-tee a place in a particular school, while offering elter-natives if places existed else-

where. That would protect children Herr of parents who were unable or unwilling to take part in a system of choice, it says. It admins these such a system would not be ideal, as the choice in some cases would be that of the authority rather than that of the parent The Government's consults

and a fourth terrorist in tion as to how they got into Munich, in what was seen as a the cell.

final act of aggression intended to cause maximum embarrassment to the Govern-

Police examine the pavement outside the Elysée Palace where the shooting took place

Policeman killed as man tries to

shoot his way into Elysée Palace

ing to shur the grille and pull the chain across the doorway.

The driver, a man with short

blond hair and nearly 6ft tall, soc out brandishing a .22 pis-tol. He fired a shot into the air

and the police at the doorway threw themselves on to him.

One of them, M Abbou Ham-meach Ahmed, grappled with him and as they fell to the

him and as they fell to the ground he was shot in the stomach. He died later in bos-

firing the shot and raken to the local police station for

questioning.

The man was disarmed after

Herr Croissant's defence law-yer, Herr Stefan Baier told me today that Herr Croissant wo're up at 8 am on Sunday to see the blade hanging from a nail in the side of the cell cupboard. He immediately informed the Prison authorician and had it removed.

the judge in charge of Herr Croissant's case who only learnt of it when Herr Baier

subsequent search of Herr Croissant's cell three more entempt.

Three leading members of tern. He said the blades were the Baader-Meinhof group committed suicide in Stammhaim but would not make any sugges-

side the Elysée. On that occapolice guard and drove straight sion he spent 18 m for the main entrance. The psychiatric hospital. police there had enough warn—He later sent thre He later sent threatening letters to President Pompidou and to President Giscard d'Estaing, which led to the search
of his flat yesterday.

He rented his present flat e
month ago. His concierge said

was a veterinary surgeon she had asked him about her cat. "He suswered that he was a naval vet, and that he only bothered with sea mousters", she said. The attack has turned the

spotlight on to the security of the President. Although the man got no farther than the from gates of the Elyses Palace it is already being asked how he could have got so close.

He was said to be the same man who in 1968 sent threatening letters to President de Gaulle and who was arrested in 1970 after claiming he was Fortunately a Cabinet meeting was in progress when the anack took place so a stronger than normal guard was on duty.

Four razor blades found in Herr Croissant's cell

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Nov 23

Paris, Nov 23

A man charged the front

gares of the Elysée Palace in a van this morning "to deliver a

message" and in the ensuing

struggle shot dead a policeman

on duty. This evening he was

under arrest at the local police station after lengthy question-

The discovery of four razor blades in the beavily guarded cell of Klaus Croissant, the Baader-Meinhof defence lawyer extradited last week from France, is causing concern here. The cell had been thoroughly searched.

gedly found by Herr Croissant hanging quite visibly from a neil stuck into the cell cup-board.

Croissant, who is ccused of running an informarion network between terrorists inside and outside jail, is under constant supervision in Stammbeim high security jail near Stuttgart as a precau-tion against a possible suicide

Herr Baier alleged that the discovery was not reported to

told him yesterday.

A spokesman for the court confirmed the finding of the blade and added that in the

Party members reject Dutch coalition accord

From Our Correspondent msterdem, Nov 23
Hopes of forming a centre-ofright Dunch government dimmed today when members the Christian Democratic parliamentary group dissented from the agreement made by their leader. Mr van Agr, with the conservative Liberals on

months of fruitless talks be-tween Christian Democrats and Socialists, the Liberal-Christian Democratic pact will now have

to be renegotiated. Left-wing Christian Democrats are upset by the vague-ness of the proposed pro-gramme. Mr Wiegel, the Liberal leader, has defended this lack of precision by declaring that the programme will have to be filled in by the new government itself. However, the dissenting Christian Democrats want the economic poli-cies defined in far greater

Italian senator fears that terrorists are employing secret agents dismissed by Western powers

Terrorist mercenaries suspected From Our Own Correspondent

The Yorkshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers had no jurisdiction to discipline two of its members who had given defence evidence for a newspaper in a libel action brought in the name of Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' president, Mr Justice Templeman ruled in the High Court vesterday. according to Senator Ugo Pec-chioli, the Italian Communist Party spokesman on law and

order.
Surveying the spread of terrorism, which has brought increasing violence to Inaly, he recalled that the end of colonislism in Africa had thrown up groups of white mercenaries. New, attempts at reforming various secret services, includ-ing the CIA as well as the and West German organizations, were making available well trained experts in violence. Some of them were ready to throw in their hand with terrorism. However this did not apply

to the Italian secret service, which, the senator said, was in a state of inertia. The Communist Party had had to accept the existence of a "red terrorism", coming from the left, he continued.

That was more difficult for them to grasp than the politcal violence of the late sixties and early seventies which came from the right. Left-wing

history, with the exception of them of about 4,000 people isolated attacks by anarchists.

The question of where this yieldence was coming from turned around the consideration of another 4,000 was of occasional

The world, he said, was full of interference of this type, and not only from the sphere of government. In a capitalist world, there were many ways in which interference could in which interference could take place without a governto foreign interference without

were arrested. They were liv

He estimated the number of

the the targe, with the Communists on the verge of power.

The senator did not exclude interference from outside Italy.

The world he said was full of Milan and Genna and Reggin Milan and Rome, followed by Milan and Genoa and Reggio Calabria. In Turin a half of the population (500,000 people) were immigrants, most of them southerners. They were, he said, the first generation to leave the soff and were not easily managerable by ment's knowledge. Italian not easily manageable by the manisters had made allusions organized Left. The main Fiat

saying what they meant by lets had been found, were too buge for the Communists to impose a thorough discipline. works, where terrorist pamph lets had been found, were too huge for the Communists to was a connexion between West
German and Italian violence at be said for Milan where about riots in Bologna (the main sight workers of the STI-Communist stronghold in Italy some West German students were arrested The students were arrested The students were arrested The students ties.

were arrested. They were living on scholarships, he said, and they had also been in touch with elements of West German terrorism.

He estimated the number of the second transfer of transfer o backing and arms. And so they active terrorists in Italy of had close contact with four both far left and far right at kinds of common crime: arms between 700 and 800. There traffic, drug traffic, robberies was then a second ring around and kidnappings.

Man 'planned to kill president'

suspend the two men from union office and from eligibility Jakarta, Nov 23 .- A Muslim university student was charged today with planning to assassingte President Subarto of Indonesia and his family.

Fachmi Basya, aged 24, who was acrested last year, is accused of planning to use explosives to kill the President and his family. The trial was adjourned until December.-Reuter.

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German group run doorstep book club drive

By David Nicholson-Lord Door-to-door recruitment for Door-to-door recrustment for book clubs, a method new to Britain, where advertising has traditionally been through newspapers, has garnered more than a 1,000 British members for a German-based publishing group with a worldwide club membership of 8,200,000.

The group said yesterday that despite bookselles worries, less doorstep promotion should fur1 ther undermine retails sales, its operations in Britain had received a positive response from the national book trade. Marketing in Britain is throug The Leisure Circle, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Betelsmann Group. Bertelsmann, which operates book clubs in 20 countries and has a turnoved of £725m, says it is prepared to spend £10m to ensure success for its British

After initial canvassing member will receive a quarterly colour magazine offering titles for family consumption, with a heavy emphasis on fiction, at discounts of up to 40 per cent. The group hopes to follow that with such other products as records and music cassettes, and eventually to open book shops for its members, independently or in cooperation with established booksellers.

Other plans include printing books and cooperating with publishers on popular reference or heavily illustrated books. The group envisages a potential of a million club members.

Dr Manfred Herriger, managing director of The Leisure Circle, said the new venture did not threaten established booksellers and cubs because Bertelsmann was aiming at people who were not regular readers. Experience elsewhere showed an overall increase in book sales after the lunch of a Bertels-

The increase in short-treed radioactivity is attributed largely to the Chinese nuclear test of September, 1976. However, that was outweighed by the reduction in annual described from the deposition of long-lived radiation, which decreased because of fall-out and decay. 'Prestige of industry should be raised'

A broad programme to raise the prestige of industry and commerce and to publicize its personalities and achievements was urged yesterday by Mr John Mackintosh, MP, in the Fawley Foundation Lecture at South-

He argued that one of the central aspects of Britain's malaise was low manpower productivity. But he did not be-lieve that that was due simply to the fact that workers were more militant or to the debilitating effect on managers of high taxation.

"The whole social, political this is not only inevitable but may also be almost correct."
Mr Mackintosh, who is Professor of Politics at Edinburgh University and Labour MP for

By Our Political Editor

opponents

Accusing his constituency poonents of seeking the downfall of Mr Callaghan and

ment committee last spring. A selection conference for the

new candidate is being held next Sunday. In a statement Sir Arthur brings no evidence

for his accusation that an anti-

Callaghan element has pene-

Threat of by-election in

Liverpool seat renewed

his government." Sir Arthur pride themselves upon having Irwine, QC, Labour MP for nothing to do with it.

Liverpool, Edge Hill, has renewed his warming that he will candidate, Sir Arthur says, to

newed his warning that he will candidate. Sir Arthur says, to resign the seat and force a continue as MP for Edge Hill by-election.

by-election.

Ser Arthur, aged 68, a He says: "For me to give in to such pressures would, from the dropped as candidate by his constituency general manage unworthy. For one who has the harmont of the constituency general manage unworthy. For one who has the

trated the Edge Hill party. He On the last analysis it would states simply that the overwhelming majority of his electo the Labour Party."

Berwick and East Lothian, re-ferred to the lack of a clear-cut theory justifying the objec-tives of the private sector and to the fact that in Britain the professions, research and ad-ministration had been rated more highly than manufacturing and selling

The increase in short-lived

He also thought people going into industry tended to be less able and less socially confident, and that they felt they lacked glamour and prestige.
"The pursuit of social justice, while admirable, has so downgraded the role of industrialists in this country that they are on

the defensive.

"While one may not accept and industrial atmosphere in all the stands made by Mr Britain leads managers to be lieve that they will lose any confrontations and indeed that to run his own factory the way he wants is not in line with the amitude of most British indus-

tors are behind the Prime Minister but that they have

been discouraged from joining the Labour Party and indeed

honour of being a member of

a free Parliament, a member of the Privy Council, and a QC to allow himself to be pushed about in a matter of this kind

would be to allow something

detrimental to our institutions

to register restrictive practices with a court or trabunal that could then sensel them, was He could not see why workers

who had insisted on such prac-tices and industrialists who had caved in over those demands should agree voluntarily so register such practices or so annul them. He argued that to remedy the

situation it was necessary to change the social atmosphere and values. The prestige of industry and commerce had to The corriculum in schools

and universities most key emphasis on these skills, while emphasis on these skills, while corrers in administration, academic work and social wel-fare should be given less pro-minence. Our theorists must produce an ideological defence of the mixed economy that is convencing and that gives the private sector its proper place? Mr Mackintosh said the solu-tion offered by Mr William private sector its proper place."

National Trust adds to Isle of Wight holding

coastline.

The land, known as Headon Warren and West High Down, links Needles Headland and Temyson Down, which are owned by the Trust. It extends from the chalk cliffs of the southern coast through a farm-ing valley to a stretch of sandy heathland on the Solent shore.

By Our Planning Reporter

The National Trust has bought 450 acres of land on the Isle of Wight, it was announced yesterday. The purchase forms part of the Enterprise Neptune project to protect outstandingly autiful stretches of Britain's

Two thirds of the purchase price was met from Enterprise Neptune funds, and the rest by a grant of £26,750 from the Countryside Commission.

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May we send our brochure? Established 1925 by arrangement with the GPO

Vienna, Nov 23 Czechoslovakia should have admitted foreign observers to the recent trial of the Charter 77 signatories, Mr Lubomir Strougal, the Czechoslovak Prime Minister told a press conference in Vienna, where he is on an official visit.

It was the courts which had decided to ban foreign observers. "In my country, the Covernment does not dictate what the courts should do."

He later said: "We did not want to publicize anything about this trial. We considered that it was not in the interests of those concerned. Pressure from abroad forced us to publicize part of it."

Answering questions. Mr Strougal said that he did not consider the Charter 77 movement as a danger to Czechoslovakia. "Journalists in our country have overestimated Charter 77. In my opinion, they have done this, not because of their own information, but because of what they have seen in the press abroad. We do not prosecute people." We do not prosecute people just because they are members of the Charter 77 movement, but we do fight the movement, politically."

tries to

He accused the Charter 77 signatories of claiming the sole right to represent Czechoslovak

opinion on human rights in

Belgrade.

He was in favour of free access by bona fide foreign journalists to Czechoslovakia, but accused the Western press of concentrating on the negative aspects of the system.

"No one knows better than we do, what faults we have Journalists from abroad should talk more to the man in the street, and by that I do not mean the man who supports the Government. We have plenty of critics in our own country who do not belong to country who do not belong to Charter 77, critics who are more realistic and more positive."

positive."

Mr Strougal's visit marks a mild thaw in Austrian Czechoslovak relations, mainly economic and cultural matters were discussed. But there were also exchanges on human rights generally and on some specific cases of Austrian cirizens in difficulties in Czechoslovakia. Mr Strougal promised to review the cases.

At his press conference, Mr Strongal's daughter, Eva, who is 21 acted as interpreter, and is 21 acted as interpreter, and occasionally corrected other interpreters. Mr Strougal went into the offensive on human rights, before the subject had virtually been raised. He appeared to be waiting for a counter-attack which never really come. counter-attack really came.

Business urged to improve press relations technique

From Our Correspondent

Companies must acquire the same professionalism as politicians and trade unions in dealing with the press, Mr William Rees-Mogg, editor of The Times, said here today at a European management forum.

If it were true that the unions put their case across better, it was because their leaders in general became professional in their relations with the press. But businessmen conferenced by a crait of the pressional conferenced by a crait of the pression of the fronted by a strike tended to become very nervous, reluctant to talk, and too often their case went by default, Mr Rees-

The conference, attended by more than 190 leading West European business executives and organized by Europu, the International Chamber of Commerce and the European Management Forum, showed

diversity

Kobert

the member states ".

consumer

Prices and Consumer Protec-

tion, said in Brussels today

that standardization within the

"samply by reference to the need for free trade between

Speaking at a symposium on

organized by the European

Research Association for Con-

sumer Affairs, Mr Maclennan

Baid it was vital to recognize the diversity of European shopping practices and pre-ferences. Uniformity of rules

which ignored these pre-ferences would be harmful.

"This is not a place to insist that one nation's approach is better than all the others." Nor

Alaciendan.

information

that managers still regard the media with unwarranted sus-picion. Some alleged that a Marxist bias against business

was not uncommon.

Mr Rees-Mogg said there were very few Marxists among journalists dealing with busi-

The meeting sent a telegram of good wishes to Signor Carlo Casalegno, deputy editor of La Stampa, of Turni, who was shot in the head last week. The "Red Brigades" claimed res-"Red Brigades" claimed responsibility for the incident. The telegram said the "cowardly terrorist attack" was a threat to the fundamental liberty of the press. Signor Alberto Cavallieri, a director of La Stampa, described Signor Casalegno as "the very image of a liberal journalist, open to discussion and debate". It was an attack on the power of the press, whether right or left, he said.

on the power of the press, whether right or left, he said.

sentences in E Berlin spy trial

From Gretel Spitzer

Berlin, Nov 23 An East Berlin military court An East Berlin military court today sentenced three West Germans to jail terms for espionage on behalf of the West German intelligence service.

Herr Horst Jahn, aged 39, was sentenced to life imprisonment, Herr Wolfgang Rietig, aged 22, to 15 years and Herr Christian Kalix, aged 24, to 10 years.

The trial which began on Monday was held in camera. According to a report in Neues Deutshland the court found that the men had violated the inter-Germany transit agreement by

Germany transit agreement by travelling on the transit routes in connexion with espionage, the visitors' arrangement on visiting East Germany, and the quadripartite agreement on

A further alleged misuse of A further alleged misuse of the transit routes was also reported by Neues Deutschland today. It said that a West German had been arrested on Monday in comexion with alleged snuggling of East Germans to the West in a lorry.

There have recently been a series of reports on alleged violation of the transit agreement. Neues Deutschland yesterday quoted a Moscow broadcast claiming that transit traffic between West Berlin and West Germany was used for

fic between West Berlin and West Germany was used for various filegal activities.

The East German authorities claimed that such activities were supported by the West German authorities.

Asked about the allegations, Herr Güncer Gaus, the West German envoy to East Germany told reporters in East Berlin today that the Federal Government would continue its efforts to prevent any misuse of the transit agreement.

It seems that after a period

It seems that after a period of relative quier, a war of nerves against West Berlin has started again. The improvement of traffic arrangements between the city and West Ger-many is generally considered as

many is generally considered estable of the main benefits of the quadripartite agreement.

Veiled threats that East Germany might take steps against the eldeged misuse of transit routes are accompanied by an increasing number of Soviet protests against West Berlin's ties with West Germany, alleging violations of the quadripartite agreement.

The agreement states what is not allowed, such as plenary sessions of the Bundestag for instance, but does not give de-tails of what is allowed.

EEC must keep | French drive to improve of buying habits, manual workers' wages

From Our Consumer Affairs

reaching measures to improve Under-Secretary of State for the wages of manual workers, starting with an end-of-year bonus of 120 francs (about £13.30) for all categories from unskilled labourers to foremen. This is the first stage of a process designed between now and 1985 to raise the average level of manual workers' wages by 12 per cent to bring them up to the level of white collar workers. EEC must not be achieved

Next week there will be a fur-ther increase in the national minimum wage to more than 10 francs an hour.

The measures are part of the Government's policy, within the restraints imposed by the struggle against inflation, of improving the wages of the lowest paid workers, together with pensions and family allowance.

with pensions and family allowances. Although it has distinct
electoral overtones, this policy
is also inspired by President
Giscard d'Estaing's genuine
quest for greater social justice.
According to a Government
report published yesterday, a
third of all the workers in the
country earn less than 2,000
francs a month (£222) and more
than half earn something beis it necessarily the plan to find a solution that is immediately applicable to all," he said. Mr Maclennan emphasized Britain's preference for requirme pre-packed goods to be sold in prescribed quantities, rather than extending the systhan half earn something be-tween the national minimum wage and 2,500 francs. tem of unit pricing to manufactured goods as has been proposed within the EEC.

In a letter to the chairman Paris, Nov 23
The French Government today decided on a series of far

Paris, Nov 23

of the committee which produced the report M Barre, the
Prime Minister, wrote toolsy

M Lionel Stoleru, the State Secretary for manual labour, told journalists this afternoon: "It takes courage for the Government to take steps towards redistributing wealth in a period of economic crisis. But these are an earnest of the Government's determination to end certain inequalities now

The report on the wages structure showed that France was the only industrialized was the only industrianzed country where manual workers were systematically less well paid than other wage earners. "A great industrial country must pay its manual workers at their true value", he said.

The Government's recomme dations to bring the wages of manual workers up to the level of white collar workers must be regarded as a medium-term economic investment as much as a social measure.

Leaking of new constitution draft attacked

no way better off than American women, despite the lack of sexism in their languages. In fact, quite obviously, the reverse is true.

If then the premise is wrong that English-speaking women would be better off if sexism were driven out of the language, is there any justification for making a fuss about English? Many people think so and say it is impolite not to call women Ms, if that is what they want. From Our Correspondent Madrid, Nov 23

Madrid, Nov 23

The leaking to the monthly magazine Cuadernos para el Didlogo, of the first draft of the new Spanish constitution has brought widespread condemnation by politicians and the resignation from the board of directors of the magazine of Señor Gregorio Peces Barba, the Socialist member of the committee responsible for the draft.

The inter-party committee did not intend to publish the draft until December 10, by which time members would have discussed the constitution have discussed the constitution for the second time. Señor Peces Barba wrote yesterday to the editor of the magazine which is noted for its radical line, to protest at the publication and offer his resignation. The editor replied that one of the draft's articles in which they had published recognizes the freedom of expression without pator censorship. The magazine is considering publishing the rest of the draft.

The constitution committee held a special meeting today to discuss the publication.

Jet fighters crash

Stockholm, Nov 23.—Two Swedish Air Force J35 Draken jet fighters taking part in sep-arate exercises crashed today in southern Sweden. One of the pilots was killed.

OVERSEAS Heavy prison Counsel for Steve Biko's family

accuses district surgeon of breaking the Hippocratic oath

Pretoria, Nov 23

A doctor who had made a A doctor who had made a statement describing Steve Biko's health as "satisfactory" the day before the Black Consciousness leader died was accused today of a breach of the Hippocratic bath in not putting the interests of his patient first.

The accusation was made against Dr Benjamin Tucker, the chief district surgeon for Port Elizabeth, by Mr Sydney Kentridge, counsel for the Biko femily. Mr Kentridge also suggested that "no honest doctor could have advised that Biko's condition was satisfactors".

Dr Tucker was being cross-examined on the eighth day of the inquest into the death of Mr Biko in Pretoria on

September 12.

He had given his opinion that Mr Biko's health was satisfactory after examining him on September 11. He had gone on to say that he did not consider that Mr Biko would suffer any adverse effect of he was driven to the prison hospital in Pretoria, more than 700 miles

eway.

Mr Kentridge pointed out that Dr Tucker had been called in to see Mr Biko on a Sunday afternoon as a matter of urgency. He found him lying on the floor, with froth on his mouth, for which the cause was not known. He was hyper-ventilating (excessive rate of breathing), for which the cause

Dr Tucker found Mr Biko's left arm wenk, Mr Kentridge continued, and could not make contact with him because he wise spanietic and had a low level of consciousness. The doctor also knew that a physician who had examined Mr. Biko had found an exnessor palers are reflect the carling up plantar reflex (toe curling up instead of down when the sole of the foot is scratched) which

Johannesburg, Nov. 23 Calvinist Professors, students

Calvinist Professors, students and clergymen have urged the South African Government to put Christian convictions before National Party policies and to prevent another Biko case by puring the police and security officers under "strict judicial supervision." In a nine-page declaration, they criticize important aspects of Government policy, the security laws and security police actions.

actions.

The declaration, drawn up after a multiracial meeting of Calvinists from the East Rand,

Official results of

Greece published

From Our Own Correspondent

The Ministry of the Interior amnounced roday the official final results of the Greek general election of November 20:

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, whose party is in the lead, intends

to form a new government as soon as the courts of first instance in the 55 constituencies confirm the election of the deputies. Parliament opens on December 12.

no way better off than Ameri

they want.

They say that if a woman dislikes being called madame chairman, she should be addressed as "madame chair-

andressen as "madame chairperson", or just "chair" (the
title the authors prefer).

The English language will
probably survive the militant
feminists, and if they want to
be called Chairs, nobody ought
to object. It is all a matter of

Briton died in

from a stroke

Los Angeles, Nov 23.—There was no alcohol in the blood of Mr Clive Lionel Goodwin, aged

45, a British literary agent who died in a jail cell after being arrested for public drunkenness,

a coroner's report said today.

Mr Goodwin was actually
dying of a stroke, the report

Mr Richard Wilson, the assis-tant coroner, said authorities were trying to contact Mr Goodwin's doctor in England

for his medical background.— UPI.

police cell

Feminists and

the problem

of the chair Continued from page 1

Voties % Seats

elections in

From Eric Marsden

"Do you say that a man in that condition can be described as being in a satisfactory con-dictor?" Mr Kentridge asked. Dr Tucker did not concede the point. He accepted, however, that in saying in a report that there were no positive signs of organic disease, he had been

did not consider Mr Biko's con-dition to be serious. There was still in his mind the possibility

He admitted that he knew a He admitted that he knew a lumbar puncture had been performed on Mr Biko, but did not wait for the result of it before consenting to Mr Biko being driven to Pretoria by Land-Rover. He heard later that a "worrying" presence of red cells in the spinal fluid had been found (which could indicate brain damage), but did nothing to stop the Land-Rover from leaving with Mr Biko.

He accepted that he had

He accepted that he had allowed the interests of his patient to be subordinated to the interests of security. Professor Gordon, one of the medical assessors sitting with the magistrate, questioned Dr Tucker on allowing the use of

Land-Rover rather than an Dr Tucker said that he had been assured that the Land-Rover would be provided with mattresses. He had not inspec-ted the vehicle to see whether it was suitable. The magistrate, Mr Martinus Prins, pointed out that the evidence heard earlier had been that Mr Biko was ly-

ing on mats, not mattresses. Professor Gordon suggested that the doctor's responsibility to his patient ought to have included looking at the Land-Rover to see that it was adequately equipped. He also took the view that Dr Tucker's ethical duty to Mr Bika should

statutory prohibitions impeding free dealings between people of

different races, the repeal of the Immorality Act, greater press freedom and more infor-

to Colonel Goosen, the district security police chief, when the Colonel told him of his decision that Mr Biko was to be driven to Pretoria rather than be taken to a local hospital. Questioned by Mr B. de V. Pickard, counsel for all the doctors, Dr Tucker agreed that when he had used the word "satisfactory" about Mr Biko's health, he meant satisfactory for

revelling purposes, and not as suggested that Mr Biko was "fit and well".

The next witness, Dr G. Hersch, a physician, gave evidence that he had examined Mr Biko on Sentember 8 Prior to dence that he had examined Mr Biko on September 8. Prior to the examination, he had been told by Dr Ivor Lang, the district surgeon who had examined Mr Biko the previous day, that Mr Biko had exhibited similar symptons during a previous period of detention.

Dr Hersch said that he understood Dr Lang to have been

Dr Hersch said that he understood Dr Lang to have been
raising the possibility that Mr
Biko was shamming. Colonel
Goosen had subsequently told
him that Mr Biko was a very
important detainee who had
distributed subversive pamphlets and was dangerous.
Dr Hersch also said that he
had made it known to Colonel

Goosen that he had found organic things wrong with Mr Biko. He had never expressed the opinion to Colonel Goosen that Mr Biko was shamming, although they had discussed some aspects of his symptons which were difficult to explain. The doctor said that he had found three factors indicating possible brain damage: echolia (Mr Biko was repeating the last

(Mr Biko was repeating the last words of sentences addressed to him), weakness of the left side and the excessor plantar reflex. The following day September 9, he had performed a lumbar puncture, which had revealed an excess of red blood cells. That was further evidence of brain damage.

Calvinists call for security police control calls for a just system based on biblical principles. It also urges equal political and economic opportunities for people of all races, abolition of and neighbour of these pri-soners". This was clear from his action in the Biko case, it

alleges.

Its authors, who have been criticized for their timing in the Afrikaans press, say that the Calvinists largely support the policy, direction and philosophy of the National Party, but are concerned about its recent actions. recent actions.
Signatories include Professor

press freedom and more infor-mation on security matters, such as less month's bannings. The system of detention without trial places too great a responsibility on the minister concerned, the declaration says. The Minister of Justice is "not able properly to fulfil his duty as sole human protector Johan van der Vyer, bead of the department of legal philo-sophy at Potchefstroom Univer-sity, several lecturers and two black clergymen of the Dutch Reformed Church.

YOU NEED A GOOD REASON



talks" with Dr Owen.

'Treachery' criticism is renewed

By Roger Berthoud A two and a half hour meeting yesterday with Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, failed to change the view of Mr James Chikerema, the Rhodesian nationalist, that the British Government had behaved treaters. cherously over its proposals for Rhodesian independence.

Rhodesian independence.

In Salisbury on Mondey, Mr
Chikerema, who is a vice-president of Bishop Abei Muzorewa's
United African National Council
(UANC), accused the British
Government of being gutless,
spineless, speechless, toothless,
useless and treacherous.

Dr Owen bad been "pretty
smooved" at this, he told a

Dr Owen had been "pretty somoyed" at this, he told a press conference yesterday. But

press conference yesterday. But nothing happened in their "hard, frank and at times rough" talk to dispel his impression of treachery.

The British, he said, had attempted to work behind the UANC's back, in particular by wanting to call a conference in Makta this month involving only "Mr Smith's regime and the socialed Patriotic Frant" (led by Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo).

"That was a deliberate

extempt treacherously to leave us behind." It would require a great deal of evidence to per-suade UANC that the British Government was not trying to make Mr Nkomo the first presi-

that he thought the Anglo-American proposals for inde-American proposals for inde-pendence were "washed up". But Dr Owen continued to say they were the best ever put on the table. Talks continue today with Mr Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Field Marchal Lord

Battle begins that could decide war in Ogaden Nairobi, Nov 23.—Somali forces today penetrated Ethio-

a battle which could decide the four-month war for control of the Ogaden desert, diplomatic sources said.

The sources in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa were in telephone contact with Harer. The capture of Harer is vital

to Somali forces trying to secure the Ogaden from Ethio-pia. They already claim 95 per cent of the region, but would be vulnerable to a counter attack unless they win control of the Amhar mountains round

The sources said today that a woman living in Harer reported fierce street fighting in the city.

Heavy fighting has been reported in the mountains outside Harer for some days, but

today's was the first report of fighting within the 1,000-year-old city, the diplomats said. In the Somali capital of Mogadishu, Mr Abdulaahi Has-

san Muhammad, secretary-geni-eral of the Western Somalia Liberation Front, told reporters today: "Although we get information only slowly from the front, we know there is heavy and fierce fighting going on both around and inside Harer."

Diplomats speculated that the forces fighting in Harer might be local guerrillas or Somali commandos operating behind Ethiopian front lines. In nearby Dire Dawa, head-quarters for Ethiopia's eastesn front and site of its only concrete runway in the area, residents reported artillery duels in the distance last night, the diolomatic sources in Addis Ababa said.

Today's reports indicated that what could become the biggest battle yet in the Horu of Africa war had finally begun following the new offen-sive launched by the Somali forces on November 13.

Reliable sources in Djibouti, close to the battle zone, said Ethiopia had about 60,000 regulars and militiamen to defend Harer and Dire Dawa as well as 80 tanks and 200 light armoured cars. Somali forces were estimated as about forces were estimated at abou

Diplomatic sources in Addis Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian leader, made a secret visit to Cuba in the lust week of October and then flew

the Soviet Union.

Shortly after his stay in Havana, about 150 more Cubah military advisers arrived in Ethiopia.—Reuter.

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Washington, Nov 23

American officials were today American officials were today studying reports from Cairo and Jerusalem on the talks between President Sadat and the Israeli Government. The initiative. Americans played no part (except that of messenger) in the dramatic events of the

America this afternoon. The period of American quiescence will probably come to an end by next week. Even before Mr Sadat's bombshell, Mr Vance was talking of meeting Middle Eastern leaders early next month, probably in Europe.

President Sadat's visit to Israel makes an immediate resumption of American mediation much more likely because prospects are now much more hopeful. No one will confirm reports that Mr Sadat and Mr Eegin agreed on the general outline of an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, or other reports that they agreed on a formula to get the Palestinians to Geneva. But it is clear that they made a great deal of progress

A number of observers, most notably Dr Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, have ruggested that plans for the

The Americans are urging other Arab states to support President Sadat. It is already clear that Saudi Arabia and Jordan are only too ready to do so (though they issued pro forma decunciations last week) and the question is how sin-cere are the Syrian protests. The State Department has consent to Damascus urging modserition upon President Assad.
Edward Mortimer writes from
Cairo: The verbal battle continued in the Arab world today between Egypt and the states which are attacking the Sadat

ast night aspatement, issued jointly by Syria and the Pales-tine Liberation Organization (PLO), called on all Arab countries to condemn the visit. A world-wide campaign would be launched to "expose Sadat's scheme and its inherent dangers to peace in the Middle East and

rougout the world".

In Cairo tonight the Syrian Ambassador stayed away from a meeting at which Dr Butros-Ghali, the cating Foreign Minister, was trying to explain the Egyptian position to Arab ambassadors. Earlier he had seen

Third World Report

The uncomfortable fact re-

The crucially important Saudi regime has remained silent since officially dissociating itself weekend, but will clearly return from Egypt's "unilateral" to centre stage now.

My Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, was returning from his visit to South meeting with Dr Burros-Ghali that he was personally satisfied and would so report to his

> Meanwhile President Sadar himself conferred at length today with the American Ambas-audor, Mr Hermann Eilts. The subject of their talk was not revealed, but Egypt is certainly hoping that American influence will help to bring the Saudis

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: Mr Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister, warned Israelis today not to bank on President Sadat's pledge of "no more wars ".

more wars."

Portraying the Egyptian leader who had charmed Istaelis as a rigid, Arab bardkiner, he said Mr Sadat had talked of "no more wars" in the same breath

more wars "in the same breath as "no more occupied territories". If there was no Israeli withdrawal, the minister explained, the pledge of non-beligerency would evaporate. The Foreign Minister said the Israelia and the Egyptians differed on the concept of peace. He had asked the President whether he envisaged divisowhether he envisaged diplo-matic relations and the answer

Mr Daven said the President's dramatic visit, in effect, leap-frogged all sorts of procedural problems for peace talks, and Israel would now have to get down to deciding precisely what it could propose in peace negotiations and what it could

Charles Hargrove writes from Paris: The French Government has been making up for lost time, After its earlier scepti-cism it has twice in the pest 24 hours expressed complete support for the Sadat initiative.

support for the Sadat initiative. Yesterday, it joined West Germany in proposing the draft declaration adopted by the EEC Council of Ministers. Today President Giscard d'Estaing told the Cabinet that there was henceforth "an historic responsibility not to disappoint the hope which had dawned for peace in the Middle East. France", he added, "will support all those who work for the port all those who work for the



Senator Edmund Muskie, the Democrat from Maine, talks to his daughters and wife, Jean (centre), in the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland, where he is recovering from a spine operation.

£120m plan to buy **US** airliners

From Arthur Reed

British Airways is preparing to order new airliners worth thousand of millions of pounds over the next decade, Mr Ross Stainton, deputy chairman, said here today.

The state airline will need up to 100 aircraft to replace exist-ing fleets of Tridents and BAC 1-11s. The first order, for 20 120-seat aircraft worth £120m, to be in service by 1979-80, will be placed within the next few

Because there is no new British airliner of that type on offer, British Airways is being forced to choose between two American aircraft, the Boeing 737 and the McDonnell-Douglas

Both are about the right size, are available at the right time, and will meet stringent new noise regulations expected in

A move to buy abroad is bound to run into strong oppo-sition from British Aerospace, ation of that hope."
the nationalized aircraft indusLeading article, page 19 try, backed by the Government.

> Last year the Mumias fac tory produced 63,000 tons of

year. A new factory extension

is under construction and is due for completion by mid-

in making it all possible. The Kenya Government is the main shareholder, but the Common-wealth Development Corpora-tion has a 12 per cent holding, and Booker another 5 per cent.

To enable the outgrowers scheme to be extended, Britain

is providing f6m, most of it to develop roads along which the cane can be carried to the fac-

By the time the scheme is complete there will be about 17,000 outgrowers, producing sugar on 26,000 hectares (65,000 acres). That will mean

outgrowers join the

Europe satellite begins Mr Michael Turner. QC, and Mr Raymond Croxon for the council; Mr Michael Wright, QC, and Mr John Crowley for Mrs. weather watch today

Science Correspondent Cape Canaveral, Nov 23

A new meteorological satellite providing the start of a worldwide weather forecasting system should begin sending pictures back to Earth tomorrow. The spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral last night. It was guided today fro an orbit 750 miles from the Earth to its stationary position a further 21,250 miles away. The spacecraft, called Meteosat, was developed by the

meteosat, was developed by the European space agency at a cost of £100m. It is part, of a scheme involving the United States, the Soviet Union, Japan and 145 other countries to launch five craft to form a global network of satellites which will send back every half hour pictures of the Earth's surface and cloud cover. surface and cloud cover.

The new satellite covers the European segment. It gives European weather forecasters and scientists much more information than is now available from United States ones, which were designed to predict con-ditions one or two days ahead over North America.

Deta from offshore platforms,

buoys, weather ships and low-orbiting polar satellites will be ollected as part of an even bigger programme of research into which the new satellites will feed information.

There are two international research ventures: the global weather experiment and the global atmospheric research programme. These are studying the factors influencing weather systems and the cause of major changes in climatic patterns. Since climatic conditions in one part of the world can affect the weather many thousands of miles away, the continuous observation of all the Earth's surface and cloud cover will provide for Europe and any other region an accurate forecast for more than

only two days ahead. All the information will be sent to data centres in Moscow and Washington.

Meteosat observes the Earth and clouds in both visible light and the infra red regions. Infra red images are used to determine temperatures of clouds and the surface of the Earth with a precision of one degree centigrade.

Attack on pathological Sakharov'

Moscow, Nov 23.—The Soviet press launched a bitter personal attack on Dr Andrei Sekharov. the dissidut leader, today as his wife returned from Italy after

The weekly New Times, con-denoing plans for a hearing in Rome later this month on human rights in Communist countries, accused dissidents of spreading "slanderous inven-tions" about the Soviet Union, and Dr Sakharhov in particular of "pathological individualism." Mrs Sakharov, aged 54, had been in Italy to have an opera-tion for glaucoma of her right

Our Foreign Staff writes: More than 70 Labour MPs have signed a motion regretting the derentian of Professor Orlov, chairman of the Moscow group monitoring compliance with the Helsiuki human rights pact. The motion urges the Government to raise his case with the Soviet Union at the Belgrade conference reviewing the Helsinki agreement.

Polisario attacks Sahara train

Nouakchott, Nov 23.—Polisa-rio Front guerrillas fighting for the independence of the the independence of the Western Sabara today attacked a Mauritanian military base only hours after an assault on a goods train near the iron mining town of Zouerate, officials said.
They said 18 people were killed in the attack on the train.
Eleven were Polisario guerrillas five Mauritanian soldiers and

Guerrillas also attacked the military base of Tmeichatt, on the 400-mile rail line which connects Zouerate to Mauritania's main port of Nouhadibou.

In brief Schmidt appeal

Poles and Germans.

After laying a wreath, he said that nothing could undo the Nazi tyranny of the past. But the Germans of today were not guilty of the crimes committed at Auschwitz. Poles and Germans.

died in a fire earlier this year on board the Moscow-Leningrad express in which many people newspaper reports here. The and was caused by a drunken waiter, who was killed.

Johannesburg, Nov 23.—The magazine Fair Lady, which pubstockings, a suspender and a black headdress, lost an appeal against a ning order on the issue.

Papeete, Tabiti, Nov 23.— France has carried out a new underground atomic explosion at its Pacific testing ground on Mururoa atoll,

US-Vietnam talks tended to further the normali-zation of relations will be held in Paris from December 7 to

Clive Barnes to move to another New York paper

mest powerful man on Broadway, is to leave The New York Tones. He is to join Mr Rupert Murdoch's evening paper, the New York Post, as associate editor and chief drama and Mr Barnes, who is 50, joined

The New York Times from The Times of London in 1965, initi-ally as dance critic. He became chief theatre reviewer in 1967. There are only three daily papers in the city and The New York Times is the most influential. Its drama critic has more power than anyone else to ensure a show's success or

partly because of a belief among the paper's management that his play reviews exced on the side of generosity to mediocre work. He was replaced as drama critic by Richard Eder, a former correspondent Mr Roger Wool, the executive editor of the New York

Post (and also British), said that Mr Barnes "was itchy to get back into the theatre". As far as the paper is con-cerned, the appointment is most likely an attempt to regain middle-brow readers who have been alienated by its more sensational approach to the news in the year since Mr Murdoch acquired it. Although the paper's overall circulation has This year Mr Barnes was paper's overall circulation relieved of his post as drama increased, it has lost some critic and went back to writing its more serious readers.

Law Report November 23 1977

Court of Appeal

Liability of councils for icy roads

Refore Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Golf and Lord Justice Shaw

The duty of a highway authority to "maintain the highway" under section 44 of the Highways under section 44 of the Highways Act, 1959, is wider than its duty to repair or keep in repair the surface of the road and may extend to clearing snow or ice or providing temporary protection by gritting or sanding to keep roads and paths passable for vehicles and paths passable for vehicles and pedestriens in bad weather; but whether the authority is liable for breach of that duty to a person injured is a question of fact and degree in each case, the onus and degree in each case, the onus of proof being on the comeach case, the onus

The Court of Appeal differing y a majority from the Master of the Rolls on the construction of "maintain" in judgments reof the Rolls on the construction of "maintain" in judgments reserved since July, allowed an appeal by Kent County Council from Mr Justice O'Coanor who in April, 1976, awarded Mrs Amsle Edith Mathida Haydon, now aged 61; of Pilgrims' Way Cottages, Kemsing, Kent, £4,825 and interest on her claim for damages for personal injuries arising, inter alia, out o the council's alleged breach of statutory duty under the Highways Act, 1959, section 44, by reason of which she slipped and broke her ankle when walking on a public footpath at Kemsing coated with packed snow and ice.

Mr Michael Turner. QC, and

Mer Raymond Croxon for the council; Mr Michael Wright, QC, and Mr John Crowley for Mrs Eagdon.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that a path ran down steeply from the Pilgrims' Way, now sea level, to Kemsing at the bottom of the valley. It had a gradient of 1, in 6, was narrow, bounded by garden fences and hedges and surfaced with tarmacadam. with drains under it. It was only for people on foot; some 400 to 500 schoolchildren used it every day, as it was the one short way from top to bottom.

In February, 1973, after two days of hard frost the path had become slippery and dangerous. On the fifteenic Mrs Haydon went from her cottage down the path carefully on her way to work in the town, slipped, and broke her mide badly. She claimed damages against Kent County Council, as the highway authority, for breach of duty to maimain the footpath and said they ought to have made it safe by salting or gritting it, just as they did main and secondary roads. She was supported by a council roadman who saw it the evening before the accident, and reported it: the next morning he put down grit and said that they had done everything possible to keep open all main traffic routes, particularly when snow or frost was expected; but they simply did not have the men or lorries to go over all the 4,000 miles of footpath in kent. They would clear a particular patch of footpath if it was reported to them and they could spare men. They had done severything possible to keep open all main traffic routes, particularly when snow or frost was expected; but they simply did not have the men or lorries to go over all the 4,000 miles of footpath if it was reported to them and they could spare men. They had done severything possible to keep open all main traffic routes, particularly when snow or frost was expected; but they simply did not have the men or lorries to go over all the 4,000 miles of footpath if it was reported to them and they could spare men. They had done the duty with the section 44 of the Highways Act, 1959, "to maintain the highway an

cluded the duty in times of snow and frost to take reasonable steps to mitigate the danger of people falling and burting themselves. The judgment had caused the council anxiety, for if they had to put down sand and grit on the many paths which became slippery in winter it would be a task beyond anything they had hitherto supposed to be their duty.

As the Act was a consolidating Act it had to be interpreted by looking at the earlier provisions. At common law the only obligation was in repair or keep in repair. The Act which set up new highway authorities retained unaltered the substantive law as to their powers, duties and exemptions. Though the Highways Act. 1961, gave a civil cause of action to a person injured by a breach of the duty, that Act could not affect the extent of the duty under the 1959 Act.

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The judge had taken the defini-tion in section 295, that "" main-includes repair", and in-ferred that it included a duty to remove mow and ice. That gave too literal a meaning to "in-cludes". If the legislature meant includes to the legislature means includes the section of the

cludes". If the legislature meant to include removing mow and ice it should have said so. The word "repair", up the authorities, meant making good defects in the surface of the highway itself to make it reasonably passable for the ordinary traffic at all seasons of the year without danger caused by its condition.

by its condition.

Section 129 imposed a duty to remove obstructions, including snow, from the highway. A highway might be obstructed without being out of repair at all. It put the authority under a duty to remove the obstruction but left them a discretion to carry out that duty at such time as they thought best; and they were open to a fine for an offence if they delayed too

Haydon v Kent County Council long. But it did not give rise to a civil action for damages if it was not performed. The 1961 the Rolls, Lord Justice Goff and ford Justice Shaw cause of action to a person in-jured by a failure to maintain

jured by a failure to maintain a highway—for non-repair—but not in other cases. But nothing in section 1(1) of the Act made a highway authority liable civilly for snow and ice on a road where it was not "non-repair".

Thus the duty in section 44 " so maintain the highway" was in the equivalent of the common law duty and that in the Highways Act, 1835 " to repair and keep in repair " the surface of the highway, not to remove snow and ice whenever it made the highway stippery or dangerous.

grit.
Any other view of section 44
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would put on the authorities an impossible task. Section 44 applied to all highways without exception — major and minor roads, main roads and country lanes, byways, bridle paths and footpaths, no matter how much or how little used. Every one of them might have special dangers in snow or frost. If section 44 were given the wide meaning contended for, every one of them must be made safe. It would require an army of men with modern machines and tools stationed at innumerable posts moving forward whenever there was a severe frost. Until the present case his Lordship would have thought that every one knew that if he walked out on a road or footpath made slippery or dangerous with ice or snow he did it at his own risk. If he fell and hurt himself it was just "one of those things". There was no justification for claiming damages from the council on the ground that it was their fault. There was no such duty as the judge had suggested. The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE GOFF said he had reached the same answer but not for the same reasons as the Master of the Rolls, Clearing ice off the roadway or taking precautions to avoid accidents by gritting was not out of repair. The duty under section 44 was to repair and also maintain. The question was whether, though the footpath was not out of repair, the council had failed to maintain it. All the Act said was that "amaintain includes repair is section 295(1). The words were not synonymous, and maintenance must in some respect be wider than repair which is included—though it was difficult to see in the cases what maintenance added to repair. In relation to a high-

to make it prima facia unreasonable for the authority to have failed to take remedial measures. In the present case the interval of time between the onset of the key conditions (which began on the Monday) and the accident (on the Thursday) was really very short. Moreover, though the pain was much used and known to be somewhat hazardous one must not lose sight of the council's heavy commitments to keep major important roads safe and clear; the evidence was that normally when it snowed it took about two to three days to cover all the when it snowed it took about two to three days to cover all the highways. Further, the council's attention was not drawn to the dangerous concution of the path until the moraing the accident occurred, and when it was, prompt action was taken to deal with it. In the end the plainiff had not discharged the omes on her.

LORD JUSTICE SHAW, con-curring that maintenance was wider in scope than "repair" or

meintain" was to keep something in existence in a state which enabled it to serve the purpose for which it existed—in the case of a highway to provide a safe means of passage for vehicles or pedestrians.

The presence of an icy patch on a footpath did not constitute a want of repair, nor could it sensibly be regarded as an obstruction, for it did not render the path impassable. But his Lordabip could not see how failure to deal promptly with the outcome of weather conditions by some countermeasure could give rise to a liability ou the part of the highway authority. The judge imposed on the highway authorities a standard more stringent and extreme than the Act

Widow need not pay

her share of tax Johnson v Inland Revenue LORD JUSTICE STAMP said Before Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Shaw

The six-year time limit on the The str-year time limit on the making of assessments to tax imposed by section 34 of the Taxes Management Act, 1970, applies to the service of a notice under section 40 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, on a wife requiring her to pay tax attributable to her income which was originally assessed on her insband but not paid by him.

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Insoland but not paid by him.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mrs. Winifred Mand Johnson from a decision of Mr Justice Foster (The Times, November 16, 1976) that she was lightened under such a notice to pay surex of £3,756.

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Her husband had been assessed to £61,318 surfax in respect of 1961-62 and 1965-66. He died in 1973 without paying a substantial part of the tax, and the inxpayer was served with a notice under the precursor of section 40 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, to pay that part of the tax sturbutable to her income. She had contended before the special commissioners and Mr. Justice Foster that the six-year time limit invosed by section 34 Justice Foster that the six-year time limit imposed by section 34 of the Taxes Management Act, 1970, applied, and that she was not liable to pay the tax. Mr Harvey McGregor for the taxpayer; Mr Stawart Bates; QC for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STAMP said that the question was whether a undice requiring the taxpayer to pay a sum which the commissioners asserted would have been payable if she had been separately assessed from her husband was effective for the purpose of making her liable to pay that sum. The notice was dated December 13, 1974, and it was common ground that if she had applied to be separately assessed a notice on that date would have been out of time.

Section 40(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act only arth-

Corporation Taxes Act only anth-orized the giving of a notice calling on the wife to pay tax assessed on her husband but attributable to her income. Sec-tion 40(2) stated that where a notice had been served "the same consequences as respect—

(a) the imposition of a liability to pay, and the recovery of, the tax... shall follow: ... as would have followed on the making on her ... of [a separate assessment].

The consequence would have

ment] ".

The consequence would have been the discharge on appeal of the assessment and the absence of liability to pay any tax at all. Mrs Johnson, having duly appealed, never came under any liability to pay the sum demanded by the notice. The appeal should succeed. succeed.
Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Shaw agreed.
The appeal was allowed. Solicitors: Memery & Co: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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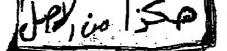
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lenufa was the first proof of parmership between the Welsh National Opena and Scottish Opera and succeeded so well in 1975 that the companies have embarked on a joint project to stage the last five of Janacek's operas, the first of which will be The Makropoulos Case at Cordiff in September with Elisabeth Söderström.

If it receives the kind of per-ceptive, concentrated produc-tion with which Devid Pountney endowed Jenuja then it will be endowed Jenuja then it was on off to a good start. In the time that has classed since its introduction this production of Jenuja has highrened and assumed sharply focused characterizations and tensions that owe much to Mr. Pountagy's insistence on simplicity and on stark contrasts. between stillness and frenzy.

Regularly the action seems to freeze like the ice on the Moravian. river, then bursts into fragments which scatter explosivey to the far corners of the stage. The effect is a visual evocation of Janacek's musical design, with its abrupt, repetitive plurases, sharp-edged and telling, and its contrasted stretches of eloquence. It is an idiom which Richard Armstrong has now mastered thoroughly, and the current revival flows compulsively on the back of rich and urgent playing from the Welsh Philharmonia.

Josephine Barstow's performance of the title role, deeper and more expressive than

and more expressive than before, is all the more intense because the distraction and imploring are now softened by compassion, while Pauline Tinsley's Kostelnicka, still a riveting study in tragic obsession, is also shaded by inner subtleties. Alan Cachcart's Laca and Arthur Daveney's Steva are similarly northers. similarly portraits more con-scious of the development of character.

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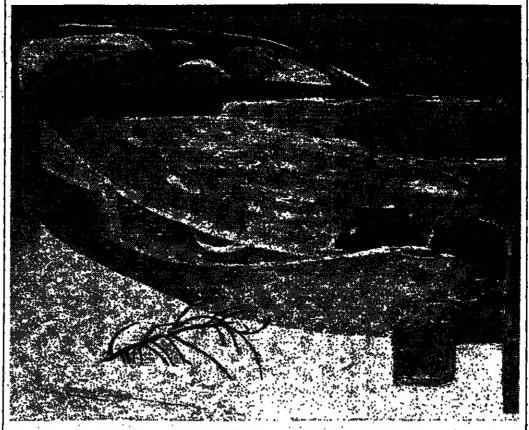
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Porthmeor in the Snow, 1947, by Wilhelmina Barns-Graham

Decade of experiment in Cornwall

Geographically speaking, to from studies of water move- abstract expression than live on the toe of Cornwall is to be our on a limb, which may have contributed to West Penwith's suitability for artists exploring new forms in the Thirties and Forties. There was little to distract them from their art, and plenty of natural structures from which to draw inspiration. The New to draw inspiration. The New Art Centre is showing, until December 3, an exhibition of works by artists who lived in Cornwall during the decade 1945-55. By then, Nicholson and Hepworth had been there for six years and John Tunnerd for 15; Adrian Stokes and Gabo were shortly to leave, and Peter Lanyon to return; Bryan Wynter, John Wells, Sven Berlin and Terry Frost were about to arrive; and Patrick Heron was to commute between St Ives and Lonmute between St Ives and London. (This trafficking is recorded in a Chronology by David Brown, who also wrote the catalogue introduction.)

the catalogue introduction.)

The modest scale of the works is striking after our last two decades of long-distance painting and spraying. Landscapes predominate, with images that are often compected and overlaid, small areas to be studied for their individual imprints of a shared environment. There are some unexpected visitors, such as David Bomberg who saw Trendrine in warm colours far drine in warm colours far removed from the traditional Cornish granite greys and pas-ture greens. Victor Pasmore went to St Ives to meet Ben Nicholson, and his Spiral Motifs seem to have developed

ment against rocks and shore.
Since the abstract versus realist debate has recently been revived, this is perhaps a good moment to reconsider a decade when the decision to "go abstract" heightened blood pressures and affronted popular newspapers—rather in the same way the "perverts" of the nineteenth century (Pro-testants who became Catholics) caused anguish and dismay.

it religious or aesthetic, suits some temperaments very well.

And for some arrists working in Cornwell in the austere styles of the paintings at the postwar period of the lare Forties, short of rations and low on coal, but survivors of the holocaust, the search for eterholocaust, the search for eterholocaust are represented, are on the paintings are the paintings are represented, are one of the paintings are represented, are represented, are one of the paintings are represented, are represented, are one of the paintings are represented, ar

continue in medical practice; and Lanyon, Scott and Heron were beginning to simplify their experience of landscape and object to a point where the initial references would soon no longer be immediately apparent.

Looking at the paintings now, one can see why size became a liberating factor for of the nineteenth century (Protestants who became Catholics)
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essential.

Hepworth had long formulated her desire to "project coast in dour mid-winter, into a plastic medium some universal or abstract vision of beauty"; Nicholson felt the freedom of abstract art would have a much more potent effect on the viewer than representational works; John Wells felt it was more important to develop a vocabulary of the Snow, by Wilhelmina Barns-Graham, is a convincing semi-abstraction of Cornish sea and abstraction of Cornish sea and four mid-winter, which well conveys the spirit of the place that lured so many artists, whether they glided over it for a seabird's view like Lanyon, or stared for hours at bay and coast and mastheads like Scott.

Paddy Kitchen

Simon Gray on Rattenbury case

Molly

Watford Palace

Jeremy Treglown

It is a badly timed production of this crisply written, beautifully acred farcical tragedy by fully acred fractical tragedy by Simon Gray. The subject—the Alma Rattenbury case—has been used recently by Terence Rattigan in Cause Celebre, still running at Her Majesty's. Gray treats the story differently, concentrating on the events themselves and missing out the trial, and in fact he was there first. He is a parsimonious writer, every other play made of off-cuts from something he has written before, and Molly is a reworking of a 10-year-old relevision piece, Death of a Teddy Bear. But even Simon Gray may have difficulty persuading people who have seen (or decided not to see) Cause Celebre once again to burn Célèbre once again to burn through the fierce dispute about

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entrances: the housekeeper's umid unaccustomed knock at the drawing-room door when she knows Oliver is inside with Molly; Oliver's appearance through the French windows when MoRy and her husband Teddy are in mid-crise—"Scuse me, miss, I've been honking for you."

Those 1970s sliding aluminium French windows are the only flaw in Christopher Mor-Gray may have difficulty persuading people who have seen (or decided not to see) Cause Celèbre once again to burn through the fierce dispute about an impassioned gardener-chauffeur who, having been seduced by his employer one rainy afternoon in the 1930s, murdered her elderly husband with a pair of shears.

The clash is a pity. For all

the evident problems of adaptation to the stage, it is a self-protective trick like Ben typically well-constructed Gray drama, skilfully evoking its period, vivid and unpatronizing in its characterization of Oliver the chauffeur, sympathetic to Molly/Alma, movingly life-like in its handling of her coutrived, pathetic seduction scene, and unerringly funny all the way through—especially, for example (again typically) on the entrances: the housekeeper's But the details of Stephen Hollis's production are other-

holis's production are other-wise rewardingly considered, helping Gray's head-on assault on the plot's emotional peaks to earn Molly her moral evasions, especially in the closing scene with Eve the bousekeeper, who has prevented her from taking the blame for the murder. "We have to do right by those we care about." right by those we care about" right by those we care about", Eve says. "Yes. Yes we do", Molly replies. It does not look much on the page (Molly is published in this month's New Review) but in production the moment suggests the with-drawals and complexities familiar in Gray's other work and far subtler than the ethical cliches his critics have tended to demand of him. Rattigan notwithstanding, the fast train from Euston should be fuller

The rehabilitation of Ophelia Hamlet

Old Vic

Ned Chaillet

Since Irving Wardle reviewed Prospect's production of Hamlet several months ago, the play has been seen throughout the Middle East, in a fort in Dubrovnik, at the Edinburgh Festival and throughout Britain. I finally caught up with it on its return to the Old Vic, where all the reports had not pre-pared me for Toby Robertson's ingenious and convincing approach to its staging. Ophelia, all too easily and all too often brought on simply to witness Hamlet's decline and exhibit her own madness, has been vitally and unforgettably inte-

Mr Robertson sets the stage with a dumb show before the play begins: Hamlet and Ophelia, Gertrude and Claudius, pass silently, looking into each other's eyes. Then, as the action opens. Ophelia tries to breach other's eyes. Then, as the action opens, Ophelia tries to breach protocol and speak to Hamlet, but she is cut off. Hamlet's decision to avenge his father's Claudius and claiming his long since prepared in her performance. Not everything in the production rises to the achievement of Miss Bertish and Mr Jacobi, but what they offer is extraordinary.

grated into the entire texture of the play.

murder further separates the lovers, and there is no doubt in Suzanne Bertish's playing that they are lovers. Every word they exchange takes on passion-ate meaning, and their silences are charged with tension. Those silences are clearly and pain-fully enforced by Claudius's cautious watch on his nephew. When Polonius and Claudius

leaving Ophelia alone to be confronted, Hamlet walks in and delivers the "To be or not to be " monologue directly to her. When she tries to touch him, he withdraws as though electrically shocked and, in brief, admonishes her to get to a numery. For a moment he yields and embraces passionately, longingly, but then remembers that behind every curtain someone is listening. Derek Jacobi's Hamlet is not free to act, not free to love or speak openly. He is spied upon by Claudius's guards, by his old friends Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. His letters to

Ophelia are delivered by Polonius straight to Claudius.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

throne, but the only weapons he is free to use are irony and an aggressive mockery. This Hamlet is passionate, methodi-cal and quick-witted, and might, most unusually among Hamlets, have proved most royal, had he become king. But there is his passion for Ophelia, and there is no doubt at her graveside that he loved her more than any brother could, and his grief and guilt are the fatal lure to the duel with Laertes.

In this believable and power

ful interpretation Mr Jacobi's memorable Hamlet, physically limber and vocally subtle, is no longer the sole focus of the play. Miss Bertish builds an Ophelia whose passion is over-powering. As Hamlet begins to reject her she lets a shudder run through her rigid posture. Before Hamlet has murdered her father the shudder has become a tic, a seemingly uncontrolled movement of the head, and with her madness there is an unmistakable erotic source, directly expressed in her words and violent movements and long since prepared in her per-

Not the best way to open up their minds

Playpen Theatre Upstairs

Ned Chaillet

Since reviewers are normally somewhat cloistered, seated together and gone from the theatre before the final curtain

theatre before the final curtain falls, I must count it luck that my exit from the Theatre Upstairs was slowed by four teenage girls.

Their animated discussion permitted me to hear some immediate responses to Heathcote Williams's play for the Theatre Machine Company which, although lacking the rectorical grace of adult debate in the interval har, went for the in the interval bar, went for the heart of the matter: how it made

them feel.

The moderate comment, "some of it was good and some wasn't", brought the immediate riposte that not much of it was good at all, although some of it was funny. A more hesitant voice put forward the thought that dirty words were used too often, a point which was not thought important by the others. One of the girls aimed her criticism at the structure: ber criticism at the structure:

ber Criticism at the structure:

"Before it got anywhere you
could find out about, they
changed it."

So they did. For a presumably educative show, which
scattered information about
birth and the process of growing up, there were few points
of reference which an audience
could have on to It was clear could hang on to. It was clear that Mr Williams opposed cir-cumcision, a rirual which he suggests means: The life they've got in store for me is a pain in the crotch." But word play about children being

formed by "DNA landlords " and "RNA cops" makes nature as much of a jailer as society, if teenagers have even been taught what those initials stand

for.

That society is a jailer is the message I received, specifically Western society which puts children in playpens and later in school uniforms and school

ties to make them conform. But formless music-ball, which may have the benefit for suphisticated audiences of offering an alternative to tired structures, seemed only to conuse the girls I overheard. Playpen is clearly on the side of children against adults, and may be recognized by children as such when it presents pictures of aging adults portraying children and mouthing resentments against authority and playground superstitions which children think are theirs and violent as a playground builty may indeed reach chil-dren, but I have my doubts that it will open up their

that it minds. If it could, the company under Gerald Chapman's direction would help to make it pos-sible. There are marvellous moments in the performances of Ben Benison, Roddy Maude-Roxby, John Muirhead and Ric Morgan as they enact an ovum and spermatazoa, becoming infants and parents, teachers and pupils and the Queen. That they get such humour and truthfulness in their playing is a credit to Mr Williams's

skill as a writer, which time and again surprises with bright, evocative phrases, but the event itself is no more substantial than a playground incident.

Neil McKinnon was happiest in the later tenor songs, although

some forcing, the orchestral challenge of the initial Drinking

Song-a notorious quicksand for

maturer, heroic tenors. His alto colleague, Linda Finnie, had no

opulent and easy amid the grandest fortissimo (her top

register was forced perhaps twice) but her singing was most

and tone in tranquil passages, especially "Du, mein Freund" in the last song, exquisitely unfolded at length. On that

unfolded at length. On that showing she has deserved two Ferrier Prizes.

The Song of the Earth is regularly coupled at concerts with something by Mozart, perhaps to show where Mabler came from; it might be salutary to give it a curtain-raiser, from post-Mahlerian music, something shortish by Henze or Britten or Maderna. Mozart's Jupiter Symphony was chosen here. It showed the discipline and euphony of the Salomon

and euphony of the Salomon Orchestra, also. Mr Rattle's forthright yet nicely poised ap-proach to the most elusive of composers. That the players were american might have been

close and spirited was the rela-

tionship between soloist and

The second half opened with a new fanfare, Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Sharpe's Royal fubilee, played by his own Kneller Hall Trumpeters. This

struck me as vulgar, but soon we were back to the programme of popular classics under Mr Haitink's confident, but far from

blasé direction. Elgar's Intro-duction and Allegro for Strings

came over as something poised between Mozart and Mahler, beautifully modelled in its balance of ascending and descending phrases, intricately worked in its setting of solo against

orchestral textures. The piece had breath and air in it, as well as a finely drawn sentiment, which cleared it of English collidire.

solidity.
Mr Haidok was no less

successful in giving a new cleanness and elevated quality

conductor.

such difficulties capacious vocal

Salomon Orchestra St John's

William Mann For an amateur orchestra to

mount a performance of Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde in a metropolitan concerthall may appear to some people hubristic. Yet it is well known that amateur orchestras are at their most eloquent in late romantic works, and I for late romanic works, and I for one was not surprised by the confident, passionate quality of the Salomon Orchestra's play-ing in that great song-sym-phony when they gave it on Tuesday at Smith Square. Their conductor was Simon Rattle, already experienced while still young, and a musician of wide sympathies who seems to touch no music without bringing to it the ardour and commitment of

isce that fured so formance, grandly sourous in the first and fifth movements, and the equestrian part of the third, delicate too, nicely restrained in the shadowy glimmer of the second song, properly expansive and finely detailed in the final Abschied whose length was judiciously controlled. controlled.

controlled.

Chiefly the performance was solo passes, spruce but not distinguished by its soloists, revealing; in the Mahler the rising young professioned distinction was less marked.

LPO/Haitink Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

The honour of playing the Royal Concert for St Cecilia's Day goes to each of the London orchestras in rotation. I cannot say whether the same system applies among the Royal Family in deciding who shall accend, but on Tuesday it was Princess Margaret's turn to be present, and the London Philharmonic's to perform.

After the customary fanfare and National Anthem, Bernard Haitink led his players in an account of Berlioz's overture Le corsuire which might have been designed to demonstrate the spiffing strength of the LPO its dexterous woodwind and resplendent brass. Yet the soft centre of the piece was not allowed to pass unnoticed, for Mr. Haitink coaxed its erratic

melody into opulent loveliness.
That was also the predominant characteristic of the performance of Mendelssohn's vioformance of Mendelssohn's vio-lin concerto which followed, with Kyung-Wha Chung in superb lyrical voice. It has fallen to my lot to hear this work three times in the past month, yet here its grace was not dimmed by staleness, so

to such a warborse as
Tchakovsky's Romeo and Juliet.
The hig tune was played for
all it is worth, but this performance stood out for the delicacy ance stood out for the delicacy of orchestral painting in the more restrained sections, above all in a beautifully sustained mysterious account of the opening pages. The concert is to be broadcast on BBC 2 on Saturday.

Babel's Dancer Cottesloe

Jeremy Treglown Ten or fifteen years ago many

people went to see something called the Living Theatre. A small percentage of those people were, or became, teachers of dance and drama and tried out what they half-remembered seeing with their students, who then and later were getting excited by snip-pets of Marshall McLuhan, R. D. Laing, Frank Zappa—complete the series for yourselves.

Well, a larger percentage of those students are now profes-sional performers who, let loose on the expensive new audiovisual toys of the technocratic theatre, are decimating audiences up and down the land with shows like this one, Moving Being's synthesis of a gym-nastics display and a colour supplement.

It is an utterly well intentioned performance and, like any collage, has some good bits. The Cottesloe is ablaze and awhirr with film projectors and television screens mimicking the incoherent simultaneity Geoff Moore and his Cardiff troops identify with his Cardiff troupe identify with modern experience. Among the dance routines, mimes and sketches, the actors take part thing we did not know, or in a terrorist kidnapping drama show us anything we have not made real at one point by often seen.

being transposed from film into live performance. There are plenty of vivid images, and there is a funny scene involv-ing a couple wheeling their trolley round a sex super-

Something for everybody, in fact, and not much for anyone in particular, though the strings are pulled together into a religious cat's cradle when the show's opening scene—a baby-bashing out of Edward Bond is visually tied in with the closing deposition of the crucified Jesus. It is a surprise ending, and

one which in theatrical terms does not compete strongly with the conflicting messages that have gone before it. At the end of Act I, one of the actors "aerosols" a graff to on to a screen: "Word Made Flash". It summarizes the evening, a series of acts of philosophical self-exposure, content to flap the covers open and shut on every ostentatious epigram: "Conceptual rotality is in-herently prohibited"; "The grammar of the body corresponds to the grammar of the

An easy target, of course and the actors-especially, if I have identified them rightly, Susan Pready and Francis Rozelaar-Green—put in energetically sincere performances. But they do not tell us any-

cosmos ".

absentees

underlines

upheaval

By Richard Streeton

England's cricketers today leave

for their winter tour to Pakistan and New Zealand, a significant journey on several counts. It is the first time these two countries

have been linked by England on the same tour. It is also the first occasion in modern times that an official England touring team have not been called MCC in the matches outside Tests. Above all, the matches outside Tests.

the programme will be the first undertaken by England without the players who have signed cou-tracts with Kerry Packer.

Enough, for the moment, has been written about the effect Mr

Packer will have on the game. Suffice it to say as far as the coming tour is concerned, that

coming tour is concerned, that players of the calibre of Greig, Knott, Underwood, Woolmer and to a lesser degree, Amiss, are not easily replaced. At least, not straight away. Pakistan, similarly this winter, will be without Mushtaq. Majid, Asif, Zaheer and Imran. All told a roll call of absentees which drastically underlines the upheaval cricket is suffering.

This will be the fourth Eng-

This will be the fourth England team to play official Test matches in Pakistan and the third

matches in Pakistan and the third in nine years. Dexter's team in 1961-62 linked their visit with one to India in the traditional pattern. Cowdrey's in 1968-69 went there when they were unable to tour South Africa. Five years ago the side led by Lewis reverted to touring India as well. Afterwards the authorities recognized the special rigours involved in long visits to the Asian sub-confluent.

After two movins in Pakistan.

Cricket

Pakistan the right place for young | Roll call of Englishmen to find their feet

Cricket Correspondent Melbourge, Nov 23

For a cricket writer with a reasonably open ticket this has not been one of the easier winters to plan. In the ordinary way it is a matter simply of joining the England touring team for its first match, in Adelaide or Bridgetown or Bombay or wherever, and following them round, before, perhaps, taking in a Test match haps, taking in a Test match hetween two other countries on the way home. Or, if England are not on tour, of coming to Australia to see them playing the West Indians, or going to South Africa (in carlier years, that is) to see the Australians relegion them. Australians playing there.
This time it is different, not

artier years, that is) to see the Australians playing there.
This time it is different, not because of where one's loyalties lie but because of where the interest is greatest. Tomorrow on the day when the England side leaves for Pakistan (with New Zediand to come later), so the first hall will be bowied here in Australia on Mr Kerry Packer's betalf. Two four-day matches, one on a football ground in Melbourne, the other on a football ground in Melbourne and Adelaide, will launch the revolution.

In three weeks' time I shall, I hope, be in Lahore for the start of England's series against Pakistan, with a chance later on of renuring to Australia to see what Simpson is making of his new Australian side. The fifth and last Test match between the last of England's three Test matches in Pakistan, at Karachi, and their first in New Zedand, at Wellingston.

What, I wonder, will the Kore be by then? Will the Problems of finding pitches good ground for the best cricketers in play at their best have defeated them? Will the problems of finding pitches good ground for the best cricketers in play at their best have defeated them? Will the Sood players committed for the moment to the Packer cause be rich and happy or unhappily rich? Will they have defied those who, like nivelly and their feet in the stricketers to play at their best have defeated those who, like nivelly and their feet in the stricketers to play at their best have defeated those who, like nivelly and the feet of the moment to the Packer cause be rich and happy or unhappily rich? Will they have defied those who, like nivelly and the feet of the first and the first of the first and t

Sydney, Nov 23.—Australia field six new faces in the first Test against India in Brisbane, starring on December 2. Bobby Simpson, recalled recently to lead his state, New South Wales, and his country, will pick up where he left off against India in 1968 as Australian cantain.

Australia's attack will be spear-headed by Thomson—who joined the Packer group then changed his mind. Clark and Hurst will back Thomson up and Mann will kook after the spin department. Simpson may open the batting with either Cosier or a new cap,

If the worst comes to the worst and Greig, Underwood and Knort never do play for England again, never do play for England again, now is a good time for their successors to be establishing themselves. For the past three years England have had hardly an easy Test match; in the next nine months the 12 they will play will all be against New Zealand and a Pakistan side deprived of several of their best players. There are some good young cricketers in some good young cricketers in Brearley's side and one outstanding older one. On the field and off it, Boycott's touch, both with his fellow players and the bat, will be significant.

England's first match is in England's first match is in

England's first match is in Rawalpindi next Wednesday. By then those who have thrown in their lot with Mr Packer will be approaching the first of their fiveday games. It is astonishing what has been done, or so it appears, to grow five portable pitches, three of which are now ready to be used in Melbourne and two in Adelaide. How they will play not even John Maley, the young man who built them (or should it be grew them?) knows, Except for the various gadgets that keep them warm at night, though, those here in Melbourne look no different from any other Australian wicket. If anything they look better than most. better than most.
Tomorrow's matches are prim-

Principal fixtures

Dec 2-7: Australia v India, Brisbane: Dec 2-6: Packer Australia v India, Brisbane: Dec 2-6: Packer Australian XI v West Indian XI, Melliourne: Dec 16-21: Australia v India, Perth: Dec 16-20: Packer Australian XI v: West Indian XI, Sydney; Dec 30-Jan 4: Australia v India, Melbourne: Dec 31-Jan 4: Packer Australia XI v West Indian XI, Adelaide: Jan 7-12: Australia v India, Sydney: Jan 13-17: Packer Australian XI v Rest of World XI, Melbourne: Jan 27-31: Packer Australian XI v Rest of World XI, Perth: Jan 28-Feb 2: Australia v India, Adelaide; Feb 9-13: Packer Australian XI v Rest of World XI, Sydney: Mar 3-8: West Indies v Australia, Port of Spain: Mer 17-22: West Indies v Australia, Bridgetown: Mar 31-April S: West Indies v Australia, Port of Spain: April 29-May 3: West Indies v Australia, Fort of Spain: April 29-May 3: West Indies v Australia, Kingston.

Wales).

The total number of Tests played by members of the team is 88 of which Simpson has played 52 and Thomson 22. Only Serjeant. Hughes and Thomson remain from the Australian team that played in the fifth Test against England at the Ovel last

West Indies. If the English bowlers learn the importance of accuracy as quickly as they did in India a year ago they will always be glad of it. It is because of their greatly increased control that England's faster bowlers have had such a good year.

If the treatment of the English arily for practice. Although the season here is almost two months old, even Mr Packer's Australians have had no domestic cricket to speak of; they have been in Covenity instead. These first two matches are not being televised. From the centre of Melbourne to From the centre of Melbourne to the ground of VFL (headquarters of the Victorian Football League), where an Australian XI will be playing a so-called World XI, is 15 miles. It is a huge modern stadium (capacity 77,000), poorly served by public transport and at the far end of a light industry helt. Considering that no game other than football has ever been played, the outfield, as it now becomes, is surprisingly good.

Already Mr Packer is reckoued

Already Mr Packer is reckoned to have poured 55m into the venture. Gathered round him, and sharing a common determination to confound their critics, are all but a few of the world's best cricketers, as well, of course, as some fairly ordinary ones. For depriving them of publicity Australia's general election, due next month, has come at a bad time. In monm, has come at a dat mile. In yesterday's papers, and again today, they have rated less space than the currently diminished Sheffield Shield and the Indian tour. The announcement this afternoon of Australia's team to meel India in the first Test match at Brisbane on December 2 meant more to people—infinitely more—than who is in one of Mr Packer's than who is in one of Mr Packer's sides and who is in another. Nor has there been any great rush to buy the advertising space which Mr Packer has on offer during his own channel's cricketing transmissions. When last summer's Test matches between England and Australia were shown live on his Channel Nine viewers found the commercials a trying intrusion. They are said to have turned in their thousands to keeping the picture but listening to the radio commentary which was also available. For all this, though, Kerry Packer Is as determined as any man could be to make a success of his cricket series. And for the moment he is not lacking in public support, particularly among younger people. "Give him a gow, mite" Is what they say. To the establishment a man with Mr Packer's money, and a grudge to go with it, is the devil of an opponent Meaningless as they may be, because no-one much minds who wins or loses, sad for the bitterness they have caused, far removed though they may be from the real stuff of cricket, tomorrow's matches are assured already of a place in sporting history—as will be Mr Justice Slade's judgment in the High Court in London on Friday. sides and who is in another.

sponsorship

A German car company wants to put £50,000 into cricket. BMW announced in London yesterday that the money was available in a competition at the end of next season between the winners of the county charmionship, the John Player League, the Gillette Cup and the Benson and Hodges Cup. "We want to be involved directly with first class cricket", said Gideon Lloyd, the Marketing Director of BMW.

Peter Lush, promotions officer

the Asian sub-continent.

After two months in Pakistan, Engiand, this time, travel to New Zealand to play for six weeks. It will be the first time England have seen a full strength team there other than for short visits tacked on after tours to Australia. Three Test matches will be played, both in Pakistan and New Zealand, though in dramatically opposed atmospheres.

Huge, noisy and fanatical Hoge, noisy and fanatical crowds will pack the vast con-crete stadiums in Pakistan. The cricket is attritional and tense and crete stantims in Factsian. The cricket is attritional and tenss and takes piace on slow, lifeless, bare pitches, in great heat and glaring light. In New Zealand the pitches and the outfields will be greeter. Matches are often played in semi-deserted rugby grounds.

In Pakistan the cricketers will be inhelized wherever they go but in New Zealand they will often go unrecognized and rugby will remain the chief taking point. Both countries will supply memories galore. Pakistan will provide the sterner cricket, and the higher scoring, though much of it could be inconclusive. Dexter's team won the first Test played by England in Pukistan. Since then there have been eight draws, one of them on Cowdrey's tour in a game which was abandoned because of riots. New Zealand have never beaten England. BMW offer of £50,000

England.
The side Brearley is taking met

Botham (left) and Downton. Botham has collected two under-25 awards as best all-rounder and best fielder and Downton has been named as best wicketkeeper.

with general approval when it was chosen, though some of us wish the solid aspects in the batting extended a little farther down the order. Much will depend, too, on Brearley and Boycott establishing the rapport and respect for each other's cricket thinking that Brearley and Greig shared. Botween them they must ensure that the confidence and vitality established in the England ranks over recent months is not mishid. Boycott's role as vice-captain las obvious implications in the long term for him and English cricket. Randall, for all his qualities and success in the centenary Test, must soon make some big scores and so, too, must Roope. Gattand so, too, must Roope. Gatt-ing and Rose of the new batsmen will need to find their feet quickly.

England's party

M. Breariey ... † G. Boycott (Yorkshire) I. T. Botham H. Edmonds G. Miller ... C. M. Old W. Randali G. R. J. Roope

their promise. England will also need to be blessed by good for-tune in the matter of injuries, nor could be no better man at the helm of all this mixture of ex-perience and promise than the manager. Ken Barrington, whose success in cricket owed so much to hard work.

Tour itinerary

PAKISTAN: Nov 30-Dec 2 v Patrons' XI at Rawalpindi; Dec 46 v United Banks XI, Fayasalbad; Dec 8-10 v Governor's XI, Peshawar; Dec 14-19 FIRST TEST, Lahore; Dec 23 v Pakistan (One-day international), Sahwal; Dec 26-28 v Habib Banks XI, Lahore; Dec 20 v Pakistan (One-day international), Sahwal; Dec 26-28 v Habib Banks XI, Lahore; Dec 20 v Pakistan (One-day international), Sahwal; Dec 26-28 v Habib Banks XI, Fayasalbad; Dec 26-28 v Habib Banks X

NEW ZEALAND: Jan 27-29 v
Auckland, at Auckland; Jan 30
v Northern Districts (Hamolton);
Feb 1-3 v Central Districts (New
Plymouth); Feb 4-6 v Canterbury
(Caristchurch); Feb 10-15 FIRST
TEST (Wellington); Feb 17-19 v
Otago (Dunedin); Feb 20-22 v
Young New Zealand XI, Timaru;
Feb 24-March 1 SECOND TEST,
Christchurch; March 4-9 THIRD
TEST, Auckland.

Spinners take it easy on country folk

one-day match here today. India hit a stylish 154 for one in reply to the country total of 150 after the Test spin bowiers. Bedi and Prasanna, had played havor with the local batsmen. It was India's seventh successive victory on the tour.

Vengsarker and his opening para-ner, Chauhan, were in complete control of the attack, putting on 135 before Chauhan was run out. His inmags of 56 was enriched with 12 fours.

The country side made a bold

Numbour, Queensland, Nov 23.—
The Indian crickeners retained their unbeaten. Australian tour record talents with a fine integers of 71 and of the control of four fours.

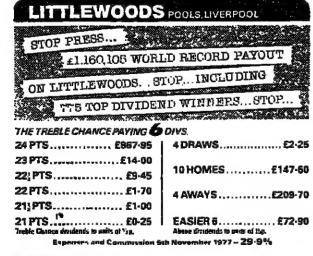
Bedi and Presame soon put an end to the country team's hopes of a big total and by lunch the innings had plunged to 83 for five.

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discussions had aiready taken place and that the nather would be discussed again at a meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board next Tuesday. It is not yet known whether the competition will comprise a series of one-day matches.

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Hockey Boddington's stick work boosts Essex confidence

London University 0 Essex came to Motspur Park for their annual hockey match against their annual hockey match against London University yesterday and left with their confidence restored. They were knocked out of the county championship by Hertfordshire on Sunday, but the Eastern Counties League title is still an attractive target for them.

A goal in each half by Boddington, one of the more attractive stick players from the England under-21 party, settled the long midfield argument which dominated vesterday's game. Essex won

and argument which domin-ated resterday's game. Essex won because they gave their front runners more support, Abdulls combining well with Boddington and Land. London again failed to make use of their talent. It was a cold afternoon and they did not

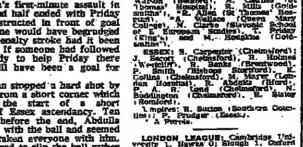
do enough running to keep warm.
There was some solid defensive action by both sides, particularly from Holmes for Essex and Watson for London—who would have made matters elementary no doubt had they been on the same side. Other hard working members of London's defence were Allen and Wallace the contains whe held his London's defence were Allen and Wallace, the caprain, who held his side together in many a crisks.

After an enterprising start by London, Essex scored in the fifth minute. Smith deflected a free introm the right and Boddington cunningly steered the ball into goal from the top of the circle.

London almost immediately forced a short corner from which Carpenter saved well off Cairnes. Another shot by Cairnes in the twentieth minute was saved on the line by Escott. Then, just before half time, a save near the line

by Allen deprived Rolmes of a goal for Essex from a short corner. London's first-minute assault in the second half ended with Priday being obstructed in front of goal and no one would have begrudged them a penalty stroke had it been awarded. If someone had followed up quickly to help Priday there might still have been a goal for London.

Bateman stropped a hard shot by Holmes from a short corner which marked the start of a short period of Essex ascendancy. Ten minutes before the end, Abdulla ran away with the ball and seemed to have taken everyone with him. He managed to slip the ball rather fortuitously into an empty space on the right of the circle and Boddington was on it in a flash to seal victory for Essex.



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The thinking footballer who wants to put more into the game than just his boot

Gowling: the reluctant rebel with a cause

In the light of recent events at Neucastle, few books can have been as timely as the recent publication of Alan Gowling's Football Inside Out (Sourcein Press, 13.95). As a member of the Professional Footballers' Association committee, as one of the team's most experienced players, and as a player who wrote an MA thesis un professional football—extracts from which provide the basis for some of the most interesting parts of the books—Gowling has naturally become one of the players' spokesmen. in the light of recent events at

spokesmen.
Inevitably, in such a conservative game as football, it is a position which has led to some fairly
critical comments about "player
power". Football's industrial relations are often archaic enough
to make any ninetcenth century
mill owner look positively eulightened. Cowling himself says,
almost pleadingly, "I'm not a
'bolshy'. I'm very conservative
generally".

generally ".

As his career illustrates, and as anyone who has seen him play will tearify, he certainly has considerable strength of character. Playing first division football and doing a BA and then an MA at the came time requires a singlethe same time requires a single-minded determination and resourcefolness as well as talent and

intelligence.

Yet he is also, obviously, a good team man, one that other professionals respect. For Manchester United and Newcastle United in the first division. Huddersfield Town in the second and third, he has contributed his share of goals and of hard graft. His willingness to play as a striker, rather than the midfield role which he feels side, making an effort to break

is his best position, and in which he captained an England under 23 team, says much for his capa-city to put the interest of his club above personal ambition. Hardly the approach of a trouble-maker. Nor is it likely that two such notably straight men as Ian Greaves and Gordon Lee would have shown interest in signing bim a second time had his in-fluence in the dressing room been other than good. Yet both re-portedly wished to.

portectly wished to.

Mr Lee was also reportedly interested in taking other Newcastle players to Everton with lain. That, and the testimony Richard Dinnis has given the players, suggest that whatever problems the new manager, Bill McGarry, faces, and they are clearly immeose, they will not necessarily centre on "difficult" players. In spite of his reputation as a heavily authoritarian manager, Gowling and the club captain, Nulty, have indicated that Mr McGarry will be starting. In Nulty's words, "with a clean slate".

Gowling is a great believer in communication, which he feels the game all too often lacks at all levels: between clubs and refer-ecs, clubs and supporters, clubs and administrators, players and directors. As a believer in dia-logue as a means of solving dif-ferences, and as a believer in free mooth he is howeffed by signs

down one of the big barriers in football, that between clubs and supporters. He relates in his book how he also became the first player to talk to the local referees' association. "I gave them some stick, and they gave me some !" he says, grinding. But it was good. I think we both learnt from it."

Sadly, however, the powers that he are not that keen on communication, particularly with players. All too often in football, players are not encouraged to contribute anything except kicking a ball. Yet as Gowling says, reasonably: "Players aren't automatons to be switched on at 3 pm on a Saturday, switched on at 3 pm on a Saturday, switched on the boxes until hext week. Players are intelligent people on the wools and any set week. are intelligent people on the whole, and as such are bound to be concerned about what happens in their working environment, It is this concern which has led Gowling, and other Newcastle players of notable intelligence like Nulty and Burns, into expressing some strong views about the Gowling says he does not believe in player power, but he does believe in consultation. It is hard not to feel that the players have a good deal of right on their side. Gowling reveals in his book that there were strong runours that Gowling reveals in his book that there were strong rumours that Cordon Lee's head was on the block twice within his first season at Newcastle. Clearly his relationship with the board was strained. And his departure and the fight between players and board over the appointment of Richard Dimis was obviously hurtful. Yer Newcastle propogent to come fifth. castle recovered to come fifth in the first division, their highest position for many years.

that the real wounds were caused, a dispute over money was allowed to drag on until the beginning of the season, the board refusing to negotiate until the last minute, when they suddenly discovered that a board meeting minute said that their pervious-offer was negotiable, not final. More negotiable, not final. More scriously, perhaps, they then re-fused to negotiate with the players as a whole.

players as a whole.

Until then, the Newcastle players bad, after discussions between them and the then manager. Gordon Lee, begn on the same money. If it was not the only factor in what Gowling describes in his book as the best team spirit he had come across, it was an important one. an important one. Gowling believed in it strongly enough to be willing to accept less money than he was offered to maintain that system. And says

that his concern in his negotiations with the board was not money, but assurances that the club would support their manager. The board refused, however, to maintain that method of payment. It is trugic that another of football's brightest, most intelli-gent participants say that he will gent participants say that he willnot become a manager because,
like John Giles; he believes that
"in the end the system will
always defeat you". It is a sad
indictment of the way feotball is
run that too many of its most
thoughtful talents would not get
involved in its administration. It
is sad too when someone as
moderate as Gowling, as essentially conservative and conciliatory as he is, can be porciliatory as he is, can be por-traved as a rebel.

Ipswich brush past Barcelona artists

cottail Correspondent

Sarcelona 0 Barcelona's ream of many international talents proved brittle at Portmen Road last night. Against the characteristically re-Against the characteristically re-lentless running and sound acrial control of Ipswich Town, they put their Uefs Cup future in dauger in the third round. Ipswich showed that they could courted them in many areas and though the second leg in Spain in a formight may still be dif-ficult, the groundwork has been done. done.
After ratter pessimistic forecasts of the problems if Beattle and Hunter failed to play, to-gaether with Burley, who was

gaether with Burley, who was never in the party, the game, like the milder weather was not two cruel for Ispwich, Beattle and Hunter appeared and they replaced Burley with Stirk, who rapidly became one of the most effective members of a defence that coped with the bursts of attacking that Barcelona occasionally raised.

Generally, it was ipswich who moved forward more menacingly and the touches of Cruvif and Neeskens, the Dutchmen, were artistic but not often crucial. It suited Barcelona to have Cruvif play deep for most of the first half in which Ipswich took the lead after 16 minutes and played well enough without, at that stage, seriously worvying Barcelona in terms of the two-leg tie. Cruyif later had to take a more forward position and become more Osborne and Mariner found that the Barcelona defence could be beatten by straightforward acceleration and also discovered that they were unsure of themselves in the air. Osborne's first neatly-lifted pass high into the penalty area caused severe confusion but Barcelona survived, having let if be known that they were not as formidable as had been expected.

A delicate touch or two from never in the party, the game, like

expected.

A delicate touch or two from
Cruyff merely seemed like quictly
played accompaniment, and after
16 minutes Ipswich scored. Woods

sprinted along the left side, centred fiercely and both Gates and Mariner converged. Gates arrived first and turned the ball only once in the whole of the first half did Barceloua seriously, threaten and then, after Asend had made space in the penalty area. Heredia shot directly are Cooper who had positioned himself perfectly.

An bour on and Ipswich were still in control if not finishing as efficiently as was necessary, Barcelona were not simply being determinedly defensive; they

deservedly stored again when another centre from Woods was well met by Mariner high over the heads of the defenders. The ball went down low and seemingly too close to the Barcelona goalkeeper who grabbed at it but could not stop Whymark from bundling it over the line. The appearance of Viljoca for the first time in 25 months added to the goal spirits of the played out the rest of the make, carefully and without smain. But Cruyif turned the attention for a moment. Weaving at speed along the left wing, he suddenly cruised inside with afarming case. So much potential but so Butle effect, for his final searching pass was turned into a poor shot by Turier.

going for it but Talbot was better placed to head in. The lead is treasure to take to Spain, but the match last mgm lacked the polish C. Woods, P. Author, T. Wigness, C. Woods, P. Artola; J. Moden 1987. Carrier, A. Miguell, A. Artola, J. Carrier, A. Miguell, A. Artola, J. Marchall, New Home, A. Marchall, M. Zattrier, Referrer, A. Proace J. Land Germany L. Referrer, A. Proace J. Land Germany L.

Aston Villa 2 AC Bilbao 0

The pickings have been thin of late for John Deehan, struggling and failing to find the form that was such a vital ingredient to Aston Villa's sure touch last season. Twelve minues before the end of this waterlooged third round first leg Uefa Cup the last night, it returned with a gratitying result for Villa with a sharp and clearly hoaded goal that swung the balance fairly decisively for the return leg in Spain on December 7.

To go to Bilbao with a sharp and clearly hoaded goal that swung the return leg in Spain on December 7.

To go to Bilbao with a shape goal in credit as seemed likely until that pivotal moment, meant Villa were still in touch with the competition but one suspected only just so, with Bilbao more likely than not to everwhelm them on their own ground. It was Deehan's first goal in 11 arid games and he will never score one that is more critical for his own and Villa's fortunes. To some extent what was an intriguing and finely fought due! some extern what was an intriguing and finely fought duel. lost its way in testing physical conditions with water on the pitch that was ankle deep.

One had suspected that Bilhao's intention was to employ a policy of containment to be exploited in the second leg, but it was not so. Once they had examined Villa in an opening burst of some excitement with a neat more that saw Gray head wide, they came excitingly into the picture.

Cidman exploited his speed down the wing, and in a marvellous moment presented a vastly lous moment presented a vastly dangerous situation with a rapid switch to the middle that left three defenders stranded, but the well-struck shot was turned away by Iribar, whose handling merc-after was never again to be decisive. In fact, he lost his touch

completely and looked anything but the Spanish national goal-keeper. To was to have the most decisive effect of all on the game as he gave little hints of his uncertainty and dislike of the weighty attentions of Gray and McNaught, at close quarters particulative. ricularly.
The storm howled to its crescendo, the gutters of the stands overflowed, misery was all around as on the half-boar Villa chose to compose four minutes of size tuined well-defined football tha named well-defined formal man bringht the first goal. In that period, from one corner little put the ball into the net, but the referee ruled there was an offside offence and bribar was clearly ill at ease with anything that went shove head beight. From a third former founds are the bed since corner Cruples put the ball close and high under the box and, with a full back in attendance and Menaught about to make his presence fult, the goulkeeper chose wildly to fist it backwards into his own net and give Villa lattered and drove forward with courses and an increase. ward with courage and an increase, inc. pressure that becam to tell. It led to the second goal in the 18th minute, when Gidman task a free kick from the right-hand tauchline. The gradketper committed himself, and Dechan went up end decivitely headed in. After the match Bilboo officials agreed that Iribar's poor handling had been a major factor in their defeat. ASTON VILLA: J. Rimener: J. Gie-man, G. Santt, L. Fraine, S. Si Nought, D. Morthure, J. Design, S. J. Linda, A. Gray, A. Cropies, S. ATMI, A. Graf A. Cropes, Lair Adis.
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St Mirren left with only a glimmer of hope

St Mhren 1, Bristol C 2
Bristol City are warm favourites to win the Anglo-Scottish Cup after taking a 2—1 lead over St Mirren in the first leg of the final at Palsley last might. City's experience gave them a vital advantage over the St Mirren youngsters on a heavy pitch.

They took the lead in the 20th minute when Mabbut headed home. They stretched their advantage 15 minutes from time when Cormack converted a pass from a fellow Scot, Gillies.

St Attren gave themselves a glimetar of hope when Abergrombic cut the deficit four minutes from the end. City's captain, Metrick, was booked in the 50th Cec Coldwell. Sheffield Inited's Cec Coldwell, Sheffield United's Cec Coldwell. Sheffield United's carctaker-manager, has been appointed chief coach and given a salary increase. Air Coldwell took charge when Jimmy Sirrel left in September and the team have since collected 13 points from une games. John Hassall, the chairman, said yesterday: "The directors are most grateful for the work Cec has done.

Yesterday's results

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Cheltenhain 1. Weymouth 1: Crantham 2. King s Lynn 1: Wash-horthe 3. Dordinater 0. WELSH CUP: Mird round Nidden EUROPEAN YOUTH TOURNAMENT Cambridge Universit O

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Motor rallying

Clark is quick to capitalize on Dawson's misfortune

into contention when Dawson his a tree on the rain-saturated Gray-stoke Forest special stage, in the Lake District. Dawson was able to continue, after spectators belped to pull his car back onto the track, but the error cost him fire minutes and he dropped to fifth overall. Clark had earlier jumped from sixth to fifth after Salonen of Finlant had been involved in the rally's worst crash. Salonen was reported to have hit a tree, on

Roger Clark capitalized on a high speed crash by Andrew Dawson, a British protege, and moved into fourth place in the RAC rally last night. Clark, trying for his third victory, took his Ford Escort and taken to Wattehaven. driving flat out through the Grise-dale Forest, also in Cumberland. Salonen and his Funish co-driver-Marrikula, were freed from the wreckings of their works Flat Abarth and taken to Whitehaven-Hospital.

Rally officials said that bold drivers were shaken and wer-undergoing, a precautionar, examination, our their imprice-were believed to be alight. Bloom

were believed to be slight. Bloro Valdeand, of Sweden, the Ford team leader, continued to domimate the rally.

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O'Callaghan, Cambridge University's wing, in full flight at Grange Road yesterday.

One-man band outplays the rest

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge Univ 19 Steel-Bodger's XV 16 Steel-Bodger's XV 16
A tour de force by John Robbie, Cambridge's Irish International scrum half, came to a remarkable climax at Grange Road yesterday afternoon when, in injury time, he fevelled the scores with a naky goal and then, having issed a drop shot by a whisker, ried over another penalty, down he bridge wind, for a satisfying ctory. One of the touch judges, ad several of Steel-Bodger's side, seemed doubtful if that last kick had gone over, but the goal was allowed.

As Robbie, earlier in the pro-redings, had landed three enalty goals and set up his eam's only try with a high kick-om which be almost scored him-if, he can be said to have 'aved a remarkably conclusive ort. There must have been times the second half when his property felt they were playing ponents felt they were playing m on his own.

I'm on his own.

Combridge were 3—12 in rears at half time, when there elsitors unhappily lost attacking within through the departure of the old Blue, Lewis, with a tweaking phamstring. Now Robbie got interestively busy, baving no lifticulty in purting over the cond of his penalties from 50 earns.

Steele-Bodger's responded to this with a try by Grant on the right, following an exchange of nises with Wilson and Hare, and might just possibly have made the same safe soon afterwards if Hare had not sliced a straightish penalty attempt. Rubbic now lost no time in hoisting that telling kick, from which the flanker, Glanville, we shad a love ball to some hich the flanker, Glanville, cabbed a loose ball to score, nd what is more, Robble all but

converted it from wide out on the right.

There was considerably more in Robbie's game then mere boot. He looks the complete performer in his position, and not for nothing has been described by a senior pundit as the best freshman to arrive at Cambridge since Mike Gisson.

His clean dummy and swift passpot O'Callaghen away on a gallop stopped by Hare at the corner before his third pennity made it 13—16. Now, after more nervow misses with the boot (two long pensities, one drop shot) a brilliant exchange of passes with Recakey preceded a kick-ahead by Davies. The opposition were pensitied for obstructing Davies, and Robbie made it 16—16 with a kick from 30 yards on the right. Then Hare was apprehended for a deliberate knock-on, when Dewes threatened to go clear for Cambridge on the left, and Robbie thumped home the last kick to the satisfaction of Mr Hughes and of all Cambridge supporters.

Much of what Robbie achieved would not have been possible without an encouraging, all round effort by his forwards, who cannot be the heaviest eight to have represented the university. They accummaged soundly, on occasions swinging the opposition on their put in. They achieved, most notably through Builer at number-eight in the second half, a fair amount of lineout ball. But most impressively they won a lot of rucks in clean and decisive fashion.

There was some good Cambridge cover, too, during a first insit when missed passes by Wilson or the frequent entry of Bare insid when missed passes by Wilson or the frequent entry of Bare insid when missed passes by Wilson or the frequent entry of Bare insid when missed passes by Wilson or the right. The centre, Frackleton, certainly saved one score by the

warning to

higher seeds

Melbourne, Now 23.—Evonne Cawley, of Australia, issued a warning to her higher seeded rivats in a tenuts tournament at Kouyong here today. Mrs Cawley, seeded eighth, crushed her fellow Anstralian, Lesley Hunt, 6—3, 6—1 in 46 minutes in the second

Yachting

Plans to promote three one-design classes

By John Nicholls

racing was brought a step nearer 1.) reality at a meeting of the Bridsh Offshore One-Design Conference on Tuesday, Earlier in the year, the conference had

sear, the conference had announced plans to promote three one-design classes which could be ruced offshore and invited any interested designers and builders to offer complete "packages". ready to sail. Response to the proposal was good and 25 boars were offered for consideration. The interest of the three classes is intended to appeal to owners of one ton and threequarters ton boats with a boped-for overall cost of less than £25,000. The medium-sized class is about half ton size and should sell for between £15,000 and £18,000. The third class is termed a sports boat and with a bourt quarter ton size with an overall price of under £10,000. The designers stipulate, among other things, that the proposed boats should be of glass fibre construction. The interiors should be habitable, more so than many cristing offshore racers, so that the boats will have a reasonable reade value as cruisers. Each boat where an owner thooses not to include the full accommodation,

Sail wardrobes are to be several; limited, which alone will give a considerable saving in cost over a comparable boat in the level rating

isset wear, controlled the court from start to finish, meamerising Miss Hung with an erray of super's shoes.

The leading seeded pleyers all starvived to the third round, but some of them had to bactle to got through. The top seed, Sussan Barker, of Bribain, took 100 minutes to beer Remain Tomanova, of Caethoulovekia, 6—4, 3—6, 6—3, getting her game into tull working order only in the final set. Miss Barker said afterwards: "I'll have to play better if I'm to win the tournament."

The fourth seed, Dianne Fromholts, struggled to best Japon's only woman professional Naoko Sato, by 4—5, 6—3, 6—4. But smother Australian, Kerry Reid, had little difficulty in disposing of an American, Trish Bostrom, 6—1, 6—3. Betty Stove, the number two seed, beat another American, Pam Teeguarden, 6—2, 6—6. The only seed in last today was the number six, Greer Stevens, of South Africa, who was surprisingly beaten by Australia's Helen Cawley, 6—3, 6—3.

SHOLLES: Second sound: R. But beat T. Bostrom (UST, 6—1, 6—3; F. Whyteres beat B. Naoelson (UST, 6—1, 6—3; F. Whyteres beat B. Naoelson (UST, 6—1, 6—3; F. Show (INST), 6—3, 6—3; F. Cawley beat B. Stove (INST), 6—3, 6—3; F. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5, 6—5; E. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5, 6—5; E. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5, 6—5; E. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5; S. St. E. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5; S. St. E. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5; S. St. E. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5; B. St. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5; B. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—5; B. St. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—6; B. Burn, 6—6; B. St. Cawley beat J. Burn, 6—6; B. St.

Briton 200 miles ahead

he late temorrow ment. Letest reports here placed the British racht, sk opened by Robin Knowledgeston, about 200 miles ahead of Great British II as the fleet neared the end of the second leg of the race.

Auckland, New 23.—Heath's Condor, the leading yacht in the Round-the World ocean race, was today nearing New Zealand's Cape Regins and due to reach Auckland Regins and due to reach Auckland The 22. Extract and Enther back. to Cape Town, were in close com-pany about 200 miles farther back. The 33-Export, of Frence, had broken her main boom for the second time, the reports said. The nakers and making about 12 knots.

—Agence France-Presse.

Motor racing

Lauda breaks his old record

with his new car Rome. Not 22.—Naki Lauda, the world champion, has quickly adapted to the Brabham BT-45 for he will be racing next season. Doring four days of trials at the Vallelunga Circuit meet here, Lauda's new car, with an Alfa Romeo ergine, broke the course record, which he himself set in 1974, driving a Ferrari 312-T. Alfa Romeo and Bribham technicians did not hide their satisfaction with the trials. Linda used a different engine in the car every a different engine in the car every fan and his speeds continued to improve. His best time was actieved on the third day, with 4 515-hp engine, similar to that raced by Brabham in the Japanese Grind Peix or ind Frix.

The key question of the new grand prix season will be whether the all-conquering ferraris of Landa's old ream can

English bowls team

England's bowls team for the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton next August is: Singles, D. J. Erwant (Somerset); Pairs, C. Ward (Norfolk) and J. Ashman (Yorkshire), fours, R. Robertson (Yurkshire), C. Burch (Sumerset), W. C. Irish (Somerset), W. C. Irish (Worcestershire) and M. Hughes (Durham); manager, R. H. Stennonse (Northamptonshire).

by beuten by his new car.-Agence France-Presse.

For the record

Tennis

Ice hockey NEW YORK: Namenal League: New Log: Chander, a Colorado Roccies 2: Alanta Fames 3, Minhasota North Sars 2: Lancouver Canucha 8, Phis-bars Penguins 3

Billiards MELBOURNE: h'orid champlonable: Round-Robin game: M. Ferroira 2.902 buil T. h regalingto, 552.

Martin Shuttle, from Surrey, no 17 in the latest national rankings livts, has been chosen to represent England in the French Open table tennis championships in Rennes, from December 2 to 4. Jarvis, ranked five, Barden, seven, Knight and Linda Howard

Badminton Delegates meet to discuss

solinter group Kuzis Lumpur, Nov 23.—Asian, African and European countries will be represented at a meeting African and European countries will be represented at a meeting here tomorrow to discuss the formation of the breakaway World Badminton Federation (WBF).

Coincidentally, Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), arrived here last night at a time when the Chima-Talwan question is again a burning topic of discussion.

One of the main reasons for the formation of the WBF is Asian dissatisfaction at the failure of the International Badminton Federation (IBF), the sport's raling body, to exclude Talwan and admit China. A vote on this question failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds majority.

WRF soonsors held their first meeting in London in September after an IBF meeting which decided to retain Talwan as a member against opposition from China. The Chinese agreed to join the IBF only if Talwan was expelled from the organization.

Lord Killanin said that serious consideration was being given to the inclusion of Badminton in future Olympic Games, He said it was too late to include it in the 1984 Games, expected to be held in Los Angeles.

John Joiner, secretary of the Badminton its Radminton Players' Association is

1.15 (1.16) SURTERS NURDLE (Div 1: Novices: J-y-0: 2597: 2'ym) Island Star. b g. by Rallanest— Berney's Star (J. Russell: 11-0 J. Pearce (16-1: 1 Somewhite, P. Leach 17-2: 2 Thebur Queen ... G. Grey (50-1: 3 Angeles.

John Joiner, secretary of the Badminton Players' Association, is expected to a real on president terms for Badminton as an open sport with WBF sponsors.—

Renter. ALSO RAN: 11-8 for Mistracre, 7-2 Scat Lane, 13-2 Lovely Twist 1-3th), 20-1 Commore Seresters, 25-1 High-down, Spanish Senger, 50-1 Chino-un 1pt. Figuant Hrck: 1pt. Harty Fisheli 10t. Rinchinge Girl. 15 Fab. TOTE: Win, E1-74; places, 44p, 22p, 75p; that Introduction, Notic. Hat, 71.

2.15 (2.16) PENERMEN'S NURBLE (Handless: £565; 5m)

Boo and Noir, h g. by Le Prince — Killossery Star (R. Sconfrol), 7-10-12 E. Barry (c0-2) 1

Question mark about Try My Best

er, Try My Best, has Handicap which is due to. be rou at Newmarket on April 19.

Just Revenge. That victory has etrined Prince Abysts a 4fb penalty for today's Showshay Handhap Hurdle ut Towester, but this means he still has only 10st 8fb to carry and he should win again.

Dampers hark in ewery corner of this tricky handhap, however, and one who immediately catches the eye as a potential trouble-maker is Corner loyer, who reduced Superman to mere Clark Kent over this course and distance has month. Virginia Drive did well to run Palace to a length at Worcester recently and the consistent Elvens is another course and distance winner who could go close to winning. Coursest would have a charce at her best and aithorigh Southern Darling and Physicist have not shown anything for some time they cannot be ignored because Josh Gifford's team are running so well that if he suddied a hippopotamus in galosbes it would have to be taken seriously.

But Try My Best's superiority to his rivals is only marginal judged in terms of weight. A range of only 7th separates the top 11 borses in the handicap. reservay anternoon the Northern Dancer oolt was favourite at 9-4 for the 2,000 Guineas with the Tote and at 2-1 with William Hill. The Middle Park Stakes winner, Formidable, is second choice in the market with both firms at 8-1.

mark of real class.

The only question mark hanging over the colt's superiority is that he has yet to record a fast time. This is not Try My Best's fault. He has done all that was necessary to overcome his rivals. But until a horse has done a really fast time. It is dangerous to rush in and take a short price for next spring's 2000 Guineas. Try My Best does not represent good value at his present odds.

At this stage I do not envisage Sextou Blake as likely to improve enough to be a threat to Try. My Best in the first classic. Barry Hills's Blakemey colt looked a little past hus peak before the Dewhurst, but I cannot see him improving enough to march Try My Best's turn of foot.

Peter Walwyn's two-year-old beat him by one and a half lengths in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury.

agrees. After tiding Camden Tow-to finish third to Try My Best in the Dewhurst, Eddery stated tha

Kent's day finishes as badly as it started

where winery intrule, for whath
the horse was joint favourite, to
the Rank Challenge Cup at Fourwell Park yesterday afternoon
proved an expensive flop. Kent
also had to appear before the
stewards, after Dyscole, who never
looked like reaching the leaders,
miled in fourth place, more than
30 longths belond Mynfeldak.

Towering over his rivals in the West Sussex Handicap Steeple-chase, Royal Exchange proceeded to dominate them from start to finish. Indeed, Bob Champion eased his partner from the last conduction of the last to the last to

2.0 TAUNTON HURDLE (Handicap : £914 : 3m 1f)

2.30 OVERCOAT STEEPLECHASE (Div II:

3.0 NECKTIE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: Part II: £340: 2m 3f)

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11.30 Ivors. 12.0 Gemini Miss. 12.30 Aspen. 1.0 Kabeau. 1.36 Ballo In Maschera. 2.0 Master Smudge. 2.30 High Fly. 3.0 Tullow Lane. 3.30 Love Rocket.

10-0222 Virginia Brive, D. Underwood, 8-10-10
0-02700 Bark Point, R. Finch, 7-10-9
201-a Stactas (C-D), J. Differd, 5-10-9
Physicist (C-D), J. Differd, 5-10-9
Prince April (D), P. Arthur, 11-10-8
Yachtman (C-D), A. Perry, 7-10-0
Stiffe, A. Lloye, 6-10-0

2.15 SYRESHAM HURDLE (Handican: £452:2m)

21-02f Warenbayne Prince (C-D), J. Gifford, 7-12-0.

4 0003-01 Glorious Daven, M. Gowell, 5-11-8.

5 033-112 Thunder Run (D), N. Craham, 5-11-5.

5 034-04 Jave River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-11-1.

201-0-00 Ary Fairy (D), C. O'Nelli, 9-11-0.

21 2000-00 Rosen (D), J. Harris, 6-10-9.

10 0000-0 Feegy Pierre, C. Crawe, 5-10-0.

9-1 Glorious Dowen, 5-2 Thunder Run, 3-1 Jave River, 4-2.

Prince, 8-1 Dimeeds Daughler, 12-1 Airy Fairy, 16-1 others.

2.45 SLAPTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £548: 2m 50yd)

12.15 Smooth Display. 12.45 Royal Audirion. 1.15 Stublick. 1.45 Prince Abyss. 2.15 Warrenbayne Prince. 2.45 Julian Swift. 3.15 Raguseen.

CFTTONT FUNDLE (Div III: 3-v-0 novices: E272: 2m)

Bufare Eight (B), A. Rumsey, 11-5

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Bufare Sight (B), A. Rumsey, 10-10

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Royal Exchange clears the last fence to win the West Sussex Steeplechase by 15 lengths at Fontwell Park.

Taunton programme

Mrs Cawley gives

12.30 NECKTIE HURDLE (Div II: Part I: Novices: £340: 1.0 GUMBOOT STERPLECHASE (Handicap: £831: 2m 3f)

U NOALTSLARF BURDLE (LIGAT AND SCHOOL)

000-01 Coldeville, F. Mangeridge, 5-12-3 T. Mangeridge 7

04-0 Falcon's Heir, J. Old, 5-11-12 Carde Price 7

04-0 Cerrys Rivitani, O. H. Price, 5-11-12 Carde Price 7

00-0 Colda N. W. Williami, 4-11-5 Mr C. Tizard 7

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00-0 Tadors Ensembert, NRS N Burdl, 4-11-6 C. Brown 5

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0-0 Amet Wood, C. Rill, 5-10-7 R. C. Bulley ODD Amet Wood, C. Rill, 5-10-7 John Williams 000 Salle in Maschery, D. Jerny, 3-10-7 J. Mooney 5

Towcester programme

12.15 MARCHMONT HURDLE (Div 1: 3-y-a novices: £272: 2m) 12.45 MARCHMONT HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-0 novices: £272: 2m) 1.15 GAYTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £837: 3m 190yd) 14-0 Stabilick, R. Head, 7-12-0 R. Barry 13-3-037 Yellow Stone, G. Vernelle, 7-11-3 P. J. Kelly X pf-0042 Hoos Trip, V. Carnell, 9-10-5 Bountiful Charles, G. Carnell, 9-11-8 J. Killy X Bountiful Charles, G. Carnell, 9-11-8 J. Killy X Professor Trip, 5-2 Bountiful Charles, 3-1 Stabilick, 11-2 Game Gentleman, Yellow Stone. 1.45 SHOWSLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £499: 2m)

Worcester

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 12.15 Windy Spring. 1.45 Cornet Joyce. 2.45 Julian Swift. Hemos T. Hallett 10-3: 2
Ballysifty . M. Charles (20-1) . 3
LISO RAN: 10-11 Streakland. 7-1
Commarket (10: 20-1 Raise You
Avain. 35-1 Bakedown, 50-1 The
Aristocat. Speedly: Symrion. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win. 6:3: places. 179, 270.
35p: dual forecast. E2.19. J. Edwards. at Leoningher. NE. 71. Walte
did not run. Fig. 19. by PressysEliciarren (J. Thorner, 8-10-0
P. Hobby (6-1) 1
Super Sure J. Marchall (9-1 fav. 2
Everything ... J. Suthern (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Fighting Charee,
(p), 12-1 Bassant (p), 16-1 Sizer

Towcester selections

Taunton selections By Our Racing Staff

> (4th), Cherry God (p), 7 ran TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 41p, 21p; fluil forecast, \$2.08, 3. Thorne, at Eridgwater, 1'J. 10l. Bighern did not run. Ster Dyker, b g. by Rosyth—Why So Blue (Mrs B. Heath: 7-11-12 M. Ployd (4-5) Double Slave
>
> S. Smith-Eccles (11-1) 2
>
> Our Arthur . A. Wober (10-1) 3
>
> ALSO KAN: 3-1 Roc imp (3in), 12-1 Dailyalde (ft, 16-1 Sunny Chief (ft, 6 rn), 170; rdnaf forecast, 9 p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn, 151, 151.

Fontwell Park results 1.0 (1.1) FERRING HURDLE (8403:

2m 1f)
Tuder Jowel, ch g, by Henry The
Sovenit—Diamond Wedding (S.
Wisc), S-11-7, Akahura (S-1)
Kelasem D. Jeffrisa 11-8 fav)
Bark Sky ..., R. J. Owen (14-1)
Al SC JANI 41, 1 tot West (44-1) CHASE (Handicap: E906, 31m)

2.0 (2.3; RANK HURBLE (Handicap: C1:235; 2m 1f)

Mymfasiak, br 9, by Tycoon N—
Groovy IA, Seymour, 5-10-4

Southpaw ... S. John (15-1: 1

Southpaw ... S. John (15-1: 2)

Baberes ... B. N. Davies (10-1: 3)

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fay Dyscole (4th), 5-1 Vasser Butcher, 7-1 Single Bour, La Jei, R-1 Live Spark, 10-1 Storys Boy, 18-1 Andrew, Friston Mist, 33-1 Prosen, 12 ran, 21-20; places, 42p, 23p, 24c-dual forceast, 217-31, A Seymour, al Ringwood, 25i, 5i, mour. al Ringwood. 251, 54,
2.30 (2.32) WONTHING HURDLE
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Beney's Boy, b. c. by Presoners
—dan Enryslered (A. Nolani,
4-10-8 ... C. Enricht (14-1) 1
Burcharmer P. Masnes 18-1; 2
Burridge ... C. Thomer 14-1; 3
ALSO RAN: 15-R fav Tackling, 4-1
Maurinus, 5-1 Fairman, 10-1 David
Brian (4th., 14-1 In-togramian (f),
(1-1) Ambun (6), 55-1 Omeor Ken,
Chee's Bood, Nordani, Paul Alison
1p Tackling, 10-1, 35-1 Omeor Ken,
1p Tackling, 10-1, 35-1 Omeor 3.0 (3.2) AVIAFORD STEEPLE-CHASE (2780; 21-in)
Mariewniz, ch. g. by Perhapsburg
—Carie's Girl (Niertoy Ltd.)
5-11-0 R. Rowell (8-1) ?
Rough and Tumble
Blue Fire ... G. WcCourt (15-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Fin (1, 10-1 Flying
Princo, 25-1 Steller, (44), 25-1 Soid
Saint, Daveniry, Court Shade (1), 9
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8.30 (3.32) **WORTHING HURDLE** (DIV IT: \$584) Princely, b. a. by Br Padd, —
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Uses Manuellet
G. Thomas 17-2 favt 3 ALSO RAN: 9.2 Vilgar Date: 4th; 15-2 Eastern Lufliby 15-1 George-ton, Britison; 20-1 Badgers Rus, Tower Wess Charties Aunt 11, Rotal Brest p. 13-1 Boogle Knight, Hadley Road, Stanford Mill, Prindowa 19, 15-88. TOTE: Win. 38p: places, 22p, 14p, 16p; dual forecast, 80p. F. Winler, at Lambourn, 1'J. 5t. TOTE POUBLE, Nymiadial, Mariquents; 2271.50. TREBLE: Royal Frechange, Bennys Boy, Princely; 2462.

Doncaster weights

Pear's Symbol 4-8-0. Fair Season 4-8-0.
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Dwen Jones 4-7-12. Finny Spendid
Andy Rew 5-7-10. Jenny Spendid
Jion 4-7-9. Captaine Wines 5-7-3.
Rochery 4-7-8. Sieel City 4-7-8. Siteve
Sieep 5-7-7. Ramadan 5-7-7. Mr Nice
Guy 4-7-7. Kilhairon 7-7-7. Booltaces
4-7-5. Moving Picture 4-7-6. ChopChop 5-7-5. Super-Value 6-7-5. Done-1
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STATE OF COINC: Towcevier Hurdies: Good to firm. Sterolechase: Good, Tauston: Good to firm. Newbury (tomorrow): Good. Teesside Park

5.45 (5.46) HUNTERS MURDLE (Div II: Novices: 4-p-0: £300: 21-m; Eupili, ch.e, by Salvo—Brown Hen IR. Ledgort, 10-7, Mrs N. Ledger (9-2) 1 Youch of Spring
Mrs N. Ledger (9-2) 1
Youch of Spring
M. Stanley (11-10 fev) 2
Talak Big ... J. Rowe (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Goldon Murry (14th)
Dolle Case, Ci-1 Woldy, River, 35-1
Lecann Lad, Buck Ames, Wicken Folly
9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1,01: places, 2:0,
11p. 10rp: dual forecash, 73p. R
Ledger, at Skilingbourne 11, 51.
TOTE DOUBLE: Son and Heir and
Star Dyker, £22,55. TRLBLE: Vidu
lvy Tree and Buloh, £62,40.

Peers from all sides attack CPRS | 'Mad' to report on overseas representation

The report by the Central Policy Review Staff on overseas represen-tation and had so many blemishes as to detract almost fatally from its value, Lord Ballantrae said, when opening a debate on the report. said the review had 21 He said the review had 21 chapters, 19 annexes, 442 pages and some very odd ideas. It reviewed the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the BBC external services, and the British Council, of which he was chairman for four years. Those bodles had nothing to fear from a responsible review. They should welcome it. The worst feature was the wires.

review. They should welcome it.

The worst feature was the miserable minor key in which it was set—the defeatist motif that lay through the whole thing.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Diplomatic Service were nothing like so black as they were painted by this review, or so grimy as their buildings had been described lately in correspondence in The Times.

There was no virtue in iconoc-During his four years as chairman of the British Council he visited 36 countries and he would testify that Britain's diplomatic representation was marvellously up-to-date. Such suffiness as night have existed had disappearing without trace.

ec without trace. Britain's diplomacy was con-inually focusing on the years head, without loss of dignity or prestige, and above all without the apirit of defeatism which ran through the review. He continued to be astonished at

He continued to be astonished at the mammoth prestige of the British Council overseas. If the review had done nothing else, it had drawn attention in Britain to the council and its work. But the review had done harm, it had undermined morale in all three services about which it had pronounced. It had enormously discouraged recruiting.

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He could not see any advantage
in either form of dismemberment
of the British Council, in setting up new agencies, transforming this and that and transporting people hither, thither and beyond. There is no advantage (he went on) in carring up a good going show, manned by men and women with a sense of professional vocation, or of dismantling a ser-

vice with a career structure carefully planned and administered from the moment of recruitment to the point of retirement.

The review seems to favour, as shift, ad hoc system of cross-post-ing, reminiscent of the advertising slogan "Super jobs for temps". Viscount Eccles (C) said that he had recently visited offices of the the impressive demand for their

service showed symplectic structures of the "tankers" (members of the "Think Tank") did not have the "Think Tank" of evaluate the the "Think Tank") did not have time to measure and evaluate the council's services (he said), nor did they realize that an expansion in those services is koped for not least in countries where, if the council closed down, their places would immediately be taken by the heavily-subsidized activities of

heavily-subsidized activities of countries whose culture is not based on our literature and art. nor on the English language.
It was odd that a report laying such emphasis on exports made so little of English as an asset in Britain wanted other countries to be its friends and friendship was

not measured by trade aloac. Britain had much to contribute to the search for a better way of ordering human affairs both at

The CPRS would have none of that. In their report they started off grandly about the objectives of foreign policy but in the end they took a selfish and one-way view of international activities. Everything had to be cost-effective for rhem.

There was doubt about the posture which they wished adopted at the time of a weak national economy and large debts. They were ancions for the cutting of the

coat according to the cloth. To them that meant dressing down, with dinner lackets out and jeans The present organization was unsatisfactory largely because of the failure to stabilize the relationship between the departmental experts and the diplomats both in Whitehall and the missions abroad.

Much thought had to be given to Much thought had to be given to that difficult problem. The Government was organized on a sectoral basis and more and more problems were concerning more than one department. But that did not replace the need to place the power somewhere. Somebody's desident had to be final. nor replace the need to place the power somewhere. Somebody's decision had to be final.

I do not the said) want happy teams of experts playing together like Leeds United but without a captain or a managor. This, at bottom, is what the think tank wares.

r abroad. The CPRS must not be allowed The CPRS must not be allowed to foist upon the country the comprouse where the ambassador appeared to be in charge, but armed only with a Mini Minor and glass of beer his authority would be whittled away leaving the experts to fight it out for the bits and pieces.

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Lord Shackleton (Lab) said that he had only read one worse report, and that was the Bullock report. (Langhter.)

High calibre people had worked extremely hard and yet falled to produce the serious examination Parliament needed. He knew of few people who supported the report except a few Foreign Office wites who thought how wonderful it would be if they did not have to have so much entertaining.

The report was right in a general way in saving that the United Kingdom could not undertake major political or economic initiatives on its own, but to talk about the United Kingdom recovery, or not being able to recover, to a position where it would do so, represented a fundamental misanderstanding of the significance of the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom was not one of the superpowers, and would never really be.

Lord Gladwyn (L), a former member of the Diplomatic Service.

member of the Diplomatic Service, who retired as British Ambassador to France, said that the general philosophy of the report seemed open to question in that its analysis was chiefly based upon function. Admittedly, that was an effective way of achieving clarity but whether that logic could be pushed beyond a certain point was doubtful.

They could not make a sharp definition between definition between economic, social, and environmental work, foreign policy work and political work. It was impracticable to separate those various threads in such rate those various threads in such a categorical way.

The report dwelt far too much on the relatively small question of entertaining by British representatives abroad. It was possible that in some cases such entertainment might be exaggerated but it could not be substantially diminished without unacceptable results.

British missions in Pakistan, India and Australia, in a maiden speech, said that a major effort should be made to provide better facilities and better government briefing for overseas journalists in London. Their reporting so often determined the image the media in their own countries presented of the United Kingdom.

The much-deeded funds recommended by the "Think Tank" for

mended by the "Think Tank" for expenditure on diplomatic enter-talument would be soon absorbed in a much less cost-effective way if, as suggested, most of the diplo-matic entertainment now ripue at home were switched to restaurants. The major recommendations of the report were based on an underlying pessindsm which had been fashionable a year or so ago but siready, thank goodness, seemed to be beginning to fade and to being repiaced by a more realistic processes. (Cheers.)

approach. (Cheers.)
Lord Home of the Birsel (C) said
he could not see how the conclusions of the report followed from
the analysis the authors had made.
There were, however, some good noints made, such as the observation that there was too much paper in Whitehall.

The external service of the BBC was a British asset which should not be put at risk by paring or pinching. If anything its budget should be increased.

as money into the pool from which a society would emerge beyond and better than both capitalism clated with the British Government. If British acted as a poor The CPRS would have none of relation then it would be treated as Much would be lost if those civil

Much would be lost if those civil servants working abroad were compelled to be amalgamated with those working at home. They were different types of animal.

The report was introspective and that was the last thing that Britain, in its present position, ought to be.

Lord Thomsonof Monifieth, as Mr George Thomson, one of the original British Commissioners with the EEC, sald in a maiden appeach that he would make a with the EEC, sald in a maiden speech that he would make a modest appeal for the establishment of a society for the prevention of cruelty to the "Think Tank." He warned against over reacting to the ideas in the report. He dissented from the central recommendation about the marry-ling of the home and diplomatic Services, but said that the report was not radical enough about some treforms needed in the diplomatic arrangements now that Britain was a member of the EEC.

The report was a useful piece the stable present Civil Service (Lab) said present Civil Service start did exist were the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters. And the services that did exist were training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters. And the services that did exist were the needs of exporters, and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters. And the needs of exporters and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters. And the needs of exporters and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters. And the needs of exporters and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters.

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The report was a useful piece of shock therapy pushing those engaged in Britain's overseas effort to see themselves as some of the post-imperial generation in Britain had to offer. The report was wrong not to weigh things which were difficult to quantify. The Earl of Selkirk (C) said the report gave him the impression that perhaps the staff had known the answers before they took the evidence.

deprive urban areas there were some sensible proposals of detail. That to cut down the size of the defence establishment in Washington was overdue as were some changes suggested for defence attaches. of £350m

Conservative MPs criticized the recently almounted rate support grant settlement, during questions to Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab).

for defence attaches.

The report pointed out that the BBC external services suffered increasingly from inaudibility. The conclusion which the "Taink Tank" should have been arging on Parliament, Government, and public opinion was to produce the funds necessary to endie the service to be properly heard throughout the world. (Cheers).

He was strongly in farous for the

He was strongly in favour for the appropriate marchange haman foreign services, but what was suggested in the report was unrealistic.

the necessity for a sense of com-

milment and vocation for the kind of work involved. Lord Goodman said that the sug-gestions in the report were laap-propriate and arose from some-thing which should be investigated.

That was the circumstances in which the report arose. One of the

disagreeable features of it was the anti-humanistic bias with which it was totally informed. It was unfair

not to have given more precise

Missing from the report was any recognition of the qualities needed in an embassy regardless of the economic conditions. One needed to find grace, elegance, and wit. They needed to be centres of excel-

Lord Mancroft (C) said that he

was worried about the recommen-dation to withdraw Britala's in-Duence from places where she enjoyed friendly terms. It was

Lord Weidenfeld said that th

Government should give the foreign service the vote of confidence they badly needed and allow them to get on with the job.

Lord Balogh (Lab) said it was not condusive to the public interest to have journalistic diplomats to deal

needed.

A great service to the state could be performed if some of the recommerciations of the report were accurated with the result that British would become more like France in being more specialized and more capable of dealing with modern problems. There had been a movement in that direction and further progress was essential. It was one of the most important documents, which had the courage

documents, which had the courage and candour which so many other official investigations lacked.

Lord Evans of Hangershall (Lab) said that the review staff, because of their inexperience of the foreign scruce, were not entitled to stand in judgment on the most distin-guished foreign service of any control.

country.

Lord Campbell of Croy (C), for the Opposition, said that this had not been an appropriate task for the CPRS. He was led to believe that the CPRS group had suffered from the disability of a preconceived idea that dramatic changes was a precon-

were needed.

To remove an embassy was a

granutous insult to the country concerned. It would be better to reduce it to a minimum so that it could still give warning of events and was easy to expand if it unexpectedly assumed importance.

expectedly assumed importance. In recommendations on organization and staffing the team appeared to have fallen into several unintentional task traps. They advocated more specialization but ignored the most important, ability to communicate and negotiate with foreigners in a foreign country. They had assumed too lightly that many members of the home service would be willing to serve abroad for periods of years.

where a country was on the

Lab).

Mr Shore said: The method used for distribution of the needs element of rate support grant is based on a regression analysis of needs, in each leval authority area: but any resulting redistribution between authorities is kindred by provision for a four-year damping of the results, and by a safety net which restricts any loss of grant arising from the use of the new formula to a particular local authority area to an amount equivalent to a 2p rate. The system takes account of the needs that may arise in a local authority area as a result of expanding population.

Mir Authony Newton (Braintree,

Commonwealth Conference, he had seen that the speciality needed by those representing Britain abroad was the ability to get on with foreigners, to understand with imaginative sympathy the country to which they were assigned, and to adapt themselves with patience and imagination to the many problems of living there.

The review had not faced up to the necessity for a sense of com-Bir Anthony Newton (Braintree, C) sald there was considerable confusion about the operation of the so-called safety net. whatever the minister may say (be added) about the needs of an expanding population, the people of those expanding populations feel the Government have entirely forgotten their needs. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Shore—I assure him the population growth is reflected in the needs formula. let there is any confusion in people's minds about how the safety
net is going to operate, that will be
specify elucidated when we lay
the rate support grant order. We
shall be in touch with town halls
and county councils concerned.

He added: It is right that the
distribution of local authority
grant should be based on the best
possible assessment of the need
and that it what we have been

those who are assessed to have greater needs.

I wish to make it plain (he said later) that we envisage this year across the country as a whole a situation in which local government spending will be stable. We are not envisaging cuts across the country.

country.

He said the 2p rate was equiva-lent to a 4 per cent increase in rates, and added: I do not think that is going to mean any intoler-able burdens upon county councils

Mr Michael Heseltine, chief Oppo

tive cheers.)
In practice, 14 shire counties will receive less cash in 1978-79 than they received in 1976-77 in spite of

Bad conditions for fire-fighting

Some servicemen who risked their lives fighting fires by day had to doss down like tramps at night, Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C) said when he unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the living and working conditions of servicemen acting as fire-

men.

He said some 14,000 to 15,000 to 15,000 to 1500iers, saitors and airmen were involved, many working between 80 and 100 hours a week, sometimes in appulling conditions of squalor and filth in leaking huts and old drill halls. It was a scandal that fire contests completely the said of the contests. and old drill halls. It was a scandal that fire stations, comfortable, warm and modern, could not be used because they were locked up and picketed.

Working conditions for the servicemen were dangerous. He had raised the matter of breathing apparatus a week ago. While it was not easy to use the equipment, it could be done after a two and a half hour crash course.

The servicemen should be able to use such equipment to protect their own lives and those of civilians.

Proportional representation rejected as electoral system for Scottish Assembly

What ought to happen in matters of major constitutional reform, like devolution, the European Community, or electoral change, was that there ought to exist a broad measure of agreement about what was proposed.

The choice was either a broad degree of general support which would entitle the Government to proceed with such change in the knowledge that a genuine degree of support existed, or not to proand that is what we have been hying to do. It means there will be a distribution from authorities who

counties this year by the new for-mula he is only building on the injustices of last year. (Conserva-

dramatic increase in prices tha the dramatic increase in prices that has taken place since then.

If he had treated the shire counties as he has treated the urban areas in the last three years, the shire counties would receive in 1978-79 £350m more in a year than they will otherwise do. This is the nature of the scale of the hardship imposed on shire county esteparers.

payers. Air Shore—I would advise Mr Heseltine to have a word with MPs on his side like Mr Hugh Rossi (Horusey) and Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead) who might take a different view about the appropriateness and correctness of what is the right balance to be struck between the assessment of need in If he puts to me that the urban and metropolitan areas can be denied £350m then I think he is mad. (Labour cheers.)

years.

Lord Lovell-Davis (Lab) said present Civil Service recruitment and training was not adequate to meet the needs of exporters, and the services that did exist were largely uncoordinated and not much use to companies.

debate was reshamed on the allparty backbrinch amendment
moved yesterday by Mr. John
Mackimtosh (Berwick and East
Lothian, Lab) (ho Clance 2 (The
Scottish Assembly), to change the
electoral system proposed for the
assembly from; the first-post-thepost system to the of proportional
representation.

The amendment was discussed
with 18 other related amendments,
the first of which provided for a
system of election by single transferable vote.

When the collitorine fell at 11 pm

Mr Pym said there was gowing anxiety about the country's institutions and their democratic workings. A few years ago this debate would have been unimaginable. Proportional reform was a topic that for various reasons was of more and more intelligent to which government was the extent to which government when the country is the country in the country is the country in the country in the country is the country in the country in the country is the country in the country in the country in the country is the country in the country in the country in the country is the country in the country in the country in the country is the country in th

In the conject of this BIII, the debate was something of a diversion because the scheme envisaged in the Bill with a bad scheme. It could not be made a good scheme by changing the method of election to the assembly. They could not redeem the essembla flaws in the

of support existed, or not to pro-ced at all. The feeling of the House on this Bill was that it would prefer not to proceed at all. There was deep uneasiness. It was not necessary to say the first-past-the-post system should apply for all the assemblies. Nor did be share the view of those people who believed that any change in the system for any of the new assemblies conversated a tree-

If electoral reform is to be introduced, it must be done on its own merits as an improvement on the arrangements we have.

There had been talk about trying to frustrate the nationalists and other grows by the reform, But reform should not be brought in

On the second day of the commitnee stage of the Scotland Bill,
debate was retinated on the allporty backbanch amentament
moved yesterday by "Br John
Mackimosh (Berwick and East
Lothian, Lab) (b) Clance 2 (The
Scottish Assembly), to change the

If the system was unchanged
felt disenfranchised under the
research system.

Re did not wish to vote for too large an assembly or an amendment which would partly result in banding over the responsibility for how future elections, after the first, should be conducted, to the assembly. The Fouce about retain that responsibility.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said the links between an MP and his constituency were ineritably destroyed to varying degrees by any system of proportional representation.

The reason MPs were faced with this amendment was because of a special case within a special case. They would not be having this debate but for the existence of the SNP as a formidable element at the moment in the make-up of the Scottish political spectrum. Some MPs thought it was also the reason they were discussing this subject at all in the form of a Bill. Mr Alick Enchanan-Smith (North

Mir Alick Buchenau-Smith (North Angus and Mearns, C) said once Scotland had a measure of devolution there could be a far greater polarization back to the traditional parties, and the role of the SNP could change dramatically.

He believed the Bill and the possibility of setting up an assembly in Scotland gave the opportunity for changes other than simply in the structure of government. They should look at the electoral system to see whether there was a better system, He believed there was a better system, the believed there was a better system, the believed there was a better system and that it was on the lines proposed by Mr Mackintosh.

He would support the amendment.

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Birs Margaret Bain (East Dunbartonshire, Scot Nat) said the SNP believed the people were sovereign. They would not take the Westminster traditions as being the touchstone or gange of political correctingle.

Ber party had no bestation in appropriate the concent of proper.

said a reason for a proportional representation system in Scotland representation system in Scotland was the absence of any proper constitutional safeguards. That was the position in the Bill. In Scotland there would not even be the feeble protection of the Rouse of Lords.

That it should be seriously argued that proportional representation was too complicated showed that hostility to the system was all too often founded upon misapprehansion and prejudice.

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said that perhaps even the major ingredient of the tame of the feeling of remoteness and dissatisfaction in Scotland was the first-past-the-post system. the post system.

PR would produce an assembly able much more accurately to reflect the people's views and to act accordingly. That system was not too complicated for the British and Scottish people, though some had suggested so.

Scottish people, though some had suggested so. Mr John Rathbons (Lewes, C) said choosing a system which would most accurately reflect the political opinions of the Scottish people should be the rule, it should also be suitable for the multiparty system that they had in England and Scotland. He supported the amendment

ment.
Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said he wished to appeal to MPs to spare a thought for the poon harassed electors because of the prospect, looming before the Scottish people, of so many elections Involving different votin gaystems. If any Scottish elector did not know by heart every step on the road between his home and the polling booth he certainly would by the time this circum was

esentation of parties, not in-lividuals and in Europe the two reign. They would not take the with the minister traditions as being the fronchstone or gauge of political corrections.

Ber party had no besitation in supporting the concept of proportional representation. They were groups but unfair between indi-

Mir John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarishire, Lab) said to compare electoral systems was not to deal in black or white, fair or unfair. The direct elections system used for Westminster and local government elections did nor necessarily produce non-proportional results, but under some circumstances they could produce a higher proportion of these results than PR did.

The Government had pur forward the first-past-the-post system, but there would be a free vote of his party.

Coalition governments might come be weak governments that lacked authority, consistency and stability. The governments formed might adopt policies different from those in the programmes of the parties from which they were formed.

Under those circumstances, in the doctrine of collective respon-sibility which was an important part of democratic government.

sibility which was an important part of democratic government. It would not be ethical to select an electoral system in order to seek short-term objectives, particularly of a parusan kind, such as to keep out the SNP.

There seemed to be total confusion about what the party list members were to do. Presumably those who came on to the list would be those who were above and beyond the graduly business of collecting votes and advertising themselves to the ordinary electors. That was not an advance of democracy. democracy.

democracy.

On in method of voting, the Government came down on the well-tried and well-understood system operated in Westminster and local government. They thought this ought to be operated in the assembly.

He did not think a two or three-member system to be used in the first election would be very satisfactory. It had been arrived at because it was not practically posbecause it was not practically pussible in the time scale to have the Boundary Commission report and divide it into single-member con-

stituencies. Mr Mackintosh's amendment was rejected by 290 votes to Government majority, 183. Debate on further Opposition batthench smendments to Clause 2 concluded when the guillotine on concineed when me gamotine to the proceedings fell at 7 pm. Clause 2 was carried by 208 votes to 180—Government majority, 28. Schedule 1 and Clause 3 iTime of election and term of office of members of Assembly) were agreed to.

Dissolution by a two-thirds majority

Clause 4 (Dissolution of Assembly) provides for dissolution by a two-thirds majority of the assembly. Mr. Leon Britten (Cleveland and Whitby, C) moved the first of a group of amendments to provide that the assembly should be dissolved by order of the Secretary of State for Scottand if it appeared to him that it was unable to reach decisions on matters requiring green decision and that the urgent decision and that the government of Scotland was thus gravely affected. No order would be made on the latter ground waless a draft was approved by res-olution of each House of Parlia-

ment.
Some of the other amendments being considered suggested dissolution by other majorities. Mr British said the clause, in effect, gave power to the First Secretary of the Scottish Executive to dissolve the assembly, because, assuming be commanded a majority in it, he would be able

majority in it, he would be able readily no procure a vote of the body saeking dissolution at he concluded it would be convenient for his party so hold a general election at that particular time.

It would not be hard, however, to imagine a situation in which there was not a majority, still less one of two-thirds, for dissolution.

The Lords, as well as the Commons, would have no be satisfied that the considerations laid down in Clause 4, as amended, applied. The advantage was not party political.

applied. The advantage was not party political.

If the Secretary of State was seeking to persuade the House of Commons to dissoive the assembly, not because there was a genuine deadlock in the assembly but for some reason that suited him. The House of Lords would be able to take an independent and possibly more objective view.

The Elli had a glaring flaw and the amendment was the best device. the amendment was the best device the Opposition could provide fur dealing with it. Mr James Siliars (South Ayrshire.

Scot Lab) said they should con-sider the idea, of a fixed term

scorned partament or assembly, in there was a fixed term assembly, however, they would have to con-struct an obstacle against the First Secretary of the Scottish Executive doing what the Prime Minister did, dissolving and calling elections whenever he decided it was suit-able from his particular point of advantage.

and similar amendments sought to find out the nature of the assembly tind out the nature of the assembly the Government had in mind.

How would the formula in the still be applied if, as had been seen in the House in the last two days, members double would by going into each lobby?

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said the debaies were trouble. out to be a huge exercise in the demonstration of one central prop-cition—that in a unitary parila-mentary state it was not possible to establish an elected legislature

for a part of that state.

Mr Russell Johnston (inverness,
L) said it was difficult to prescribe
ways out of a deadlock situation in
fixed terms parliaments. The
Government prescription nectechated a degree of agreement which ared a degree of agreement which many MPs would feel would be difficult to achieve. Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said the clause was one of the most extraordinary in the BHz. It envisaged a situation which in reality would never occur. It was not in the nature above all of Scotsmen to wish to put an end to their remuneration when they had an opportunity of continuing it. The prospect of members of this assembly resolving by a two-thirds majority to bring their employment to an end was so improbable as to be impossible.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said the Government had provided a means of a Scottish Prime Minister dissolving the assembly when he did not need

to—when he had a two-thirds majority—but had provided him with no means of dissolping it when be lacked that majority. That was precisely the point—when he had lost his majority—where he would wish to dissolve.

The mechanism the Government had provided was abourd and that was why he preferred the amendment. It was not the right answer, but there could not be a right answer when it was the arong question. At least it provided in effect a prerogetive and dissolutions ought to be made by prerog-

said if the Commons was seen to be interfering underly in the devoted powers of the Scottish Assembly the people would be driven towards separation.

Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland (Glasgow, Craigton, Leb) said there was a respectable argument for matmain-ing that aspect of the Scotland and Wales Bill which did not provide Wates then which can not provide for any power of premature dissolution and for contouring measure that the assembly and administration would be able to solve any particular political problems which might adse during a fixed term.

But since then, MPs in debut had made powerspreadons that it

Bot since then, MPs in debate had made representations that R was unsatisfactory to have a dead-locked assembly as a result of, step, by-elections or a breakdown of a coalidon and there had been questions about providing for premature dissolution.

The Government had decided, after examing the matter, again, that there were some arguments in favour of this. So it was necessary to provide for a mechanism.

In principle, he considered it lightly undesirable that the decision on dissolution should be taken by the Secretary of State. It was a matter which should be decided by the Scottish Executive. There was a certain amount of filenticility in the provision for premature disso-

we have taken the specific and categoric decision (he said) that it there is to be power for premature dissolution, then the power and responsibility for that should be with the assembly itself.

with the assembly itself.
They did not want to provide a mechanism which was at the initiative of the Secretary of State, it had no be at the initiative of the assembly, bu the Secretary of State had to be involved. They did not believe that it was a matter where there should be no impaction of the Secretary of State, even if it was only formal.

A two-thirds majority did prevent the mechanism being activated simply for party advantage. The Government believed two-thirds was just about the right thirds was just about the right practical level at which to achieve the main purpose of the clause. The previous Bill provided no mechanism for premature dissolution. This Bill in response partly to arguments put up in the House on the previous Bill did provide for that premature dissolution. It did it by putting the initiative and responsibility in the hands of the assembly but at the same time provided carpain safeguards so they would not be banding over unfeetered power to the Scottish Executive to call an election it might desire at any time for its own political advantage.

Mr Alexander Fletcher, for the

own political advantige.

Mr Alexander Fletcher, for the Opposition (Edinburgh, North, C) said the powers they were proposing would prevent a dvadlock government from merely sitting it out when it could not govern. Their amendment did but prevent the assembly expressing a desire to dissolve but it did give Parkiament power to decide for firstly that it power to decide for inself that it would not be for a frivolous or party reason. The amendment was rejected by

192 votes to 153—Government majority, 39. The clause was agreed to.

Holiday caravans

Mr John Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protec-tion, in a written reply, said: I shall be involved in consultations shall be involved in consultations which the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Peter Shore) will shortly be having with those parties having an interest in the findings of the mobile homes review so that I can judge the extent to which these findings could have application to holiday

l certainly hope that we can make early progress towards deal-ing with the abuses in this area.



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Code to be commended to firms with subsidiaries in S Africa

Egypt to Israel had broken through a wall of mistrust and he, for one, believed things would never be quite the same following the visit, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said during exchanges following his statement on this week's meeting in Brussels of the EEC Foreign Affairs Council.

Dr Owen, in the course of his Dr Owen, in the course of bis statement, said in political cooperation talks the nine Foreign Ministers issued a joint statement on President Sadat's courageous initiative. We expressed the hope (he said) that his action would pave the way for an early resumption of the Geneva conference and the negotiation of a comprehensive settlement.

hensive settlement.

On Africa, we discussed what further steps might be taken to ensure wider international acceptance of the code of conduct on employment practices for companies of the Nine operating in South Africa; and the need to bring home to the South Africas Government our concern about the repression of dissent in the light of the Security Council's recent mandatory arms embargo resolution.

There was broad agreement in

datory arms embargo resolution.

There was broad agreement in discussion of the new regional development fund on the desirability of maintaining or increasing the fund's activity. But it was not possible to reach agreement yesterday on a number of outstanding points, including the size of the fund in 1978, which will probably be discussed at the European Council on December 5 and 6.

Mr. John Davies, chief Onosition Mr John Davies, chief Opposition one join pavies, their Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C) said: Will Dr Owen associate Conservatives with the

Community's remarks on President Sadar's courageous initiative? (Conservative cheers.) We trope it will be recognized that he has asserted a commitment to peace which is of great value in the present trace situation and hope there will be a positive response to his initiative. his initiative.

On South Africa and the code of On South Africa and the code of conduct, were there consultation with the organization representing employers in Europe before the code was defined, particularly in relation to the apparent device to segregate black and white unions which would seem to entrench racial division in the framework of industrial enterprise, which seems hardly desirable.

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of the regional fund—and because of its importance to this country—seems to show a degree of indecision by the Community which is dangerous for those who plan in these matters. Dr Owen-Regarding President Sadat's initative, the whole House would wish it well and believe it has broken through a wall of mis-

We have yet to see how much progress it will produce, but I for one believe things will never be quite the same following that visit. which the same following that visit.

No formal consultations have taken place on the code of conduct with the European employers or European trade unions. I raised this myself. The general feeling in the Council was that it was impossible to hold these consultations without the Community position being revealed. It was felt there should be consultations afterwards. wards.

The view was that the code would have to be modified in the light of experience anyhow.

The Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Edmund Dell) intends to commend the code to British companies with South African subsidiaries, with explanatory guidance with the CBI and the TUC here. Hamy MPs have always thought trade unionism goes across black and white irrespectively. But in the peculiar circumstances of South Africa it is widely recognized that recognition of black trade unionism is inevitable and is a major step forward in reducing some segregation problems at work. On the regional fund, the Government's position has been clear. We want an expansion of the fund. The sooner we get a decision, the forward planning will be made much easier.

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Mrs Winifred Ewing (Moray and Nairu. Sco Nat—Did the council discuss the French Government's threat to the regional fund? Did the council discuss the confrontation between Britain and the rest of the member states, except fre-land, on the claim that Britain has the right to take unilateral conservation measures up to 200 miles? Dr Owen-Our position on the right to take conservation

Dr Owen—Our position on the right to take conservation measures is clear. It rests out the Hague agreement I negotiated myself last year and on which Britain stands positive and firm.

The regional fund was discussed. The French wished to change the present key. Once you start ourseiling the basic key it would be almost impussible to reach agreement on the fund. It is wise to keep to the present key.

Further discussions are taking place to see if some flexibility can take place, perhaps on the non-quota section if such a section were to be agreed. Parliamentary notices

Profitable Community **Land Act** disposals

The first disposals of land under the Community Land Act had shown a profit. Mr Guy Barnett, Under Secretary for Eurironment (Greenwich, Lab) said at question

hir Nicholas Rudgen (Wolver-hampton, South-West, C) had asked the Secretary of State for the Environment when he expected the Community Land Act to make a profit. Mr Barnett—We shall probably not get an overall surplus until auth-orities are disposing of as much land as they are acquiring. land as they are acquiring.

Mr Endgen—It is clear that there never will be sufficient money to make this legislation work, whatever its merits or demerits. It would now be best to attempt to help the hard-pressed construction industry, and more especially its 250,000 mnemployed workers, by reducing the rate of development land tax so as to encourage private landowners to make voluntary sales of development land.

Mr Event. We have little eco.

sales of development land.

Mr Barnet—We have little evidence to suggest there is a shortage of land for development.

(Conservative shouts of "Rubbish".) What we do believe is that the community land scheme must be built up on a secure financial basis. That is precisely what we are doing. The first disposals that have taken place have shown profit.

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Council underspending on housing

and 15,000 in the private sector.

But Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—Those appalling figures have come about as a result of the minister and his colleagues listening to the hysteria for curs in public expenditure from the Tories.

What is he going to do to hear the contract of the property of the pro increase the amount of money for housing expenditure in 1978-79 when it is balanced against the fact that according to the IMF decision last December there was due to be a further £300m cut on the housing the most themeters on my relegies.

a further £300m cut on the housing side, and therefore, on my calculation, there is likely to be a further reduction in housing expenditure? Mr Freeson—Whatever the arguments about public expenditure cuts and the IMF it would be a mistake to connect that with the rate of housebuilding by local authorities in the months that have remund.

He was doing his best to realiscate housing resources not being taken up by some local authorities to others who were able to use the grossy. Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said during question time. He said that in September there were 28,400 starts in Britain, of which 13,500 were in the public sector and 14,900 in the private sector. There were 28,200 completions, 15,600 in the public sector and 12,500 in the public sector and 12,500 in the private sector. There were 28,200 completions, 15,600 in the public sector and 12,500 in the public sector and 12,500 in the public sector. Mr Dennis Skinner (Boisover, Lab)—Those appalling figures

somewhat difficult enercise.

Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mischam and Morden, Lab)—Is it correct that the underspend of public expenditure allocated for housing in 1976-77 is of the order of \$400m, and is likely to be higher in the current year? Could be take account of him underspend in allocating money for next year? shour 150,000 housing starts in the public sector during 1977 there is ties evidence that a counderable number of local authorities are not taking up the resources already available.

Mr Prank Allann (Salford, East,

orities in recent times.

Mr Michael Heseltine chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Henley, C)—The only good figures to come out of his department are the local authority and housing association houses being renovated are up by 9 per cent.

This shows a welcome diversion of resources by largely Conservative controlled authorities in order to improve existing houses rather than the much more expensive technique of building new ones.

Re says there has been a slight improvement in housing starts. His department has recently amounced that all housing starts are 17 per cent down on 12 months ago. This amounts to a total failure of his housing policies.

Mr Freeson—I have stated there is a decline. A large part, not all, is not due to any cut in the provision of resources by Government but to the failure of a number of authorities to take up the resources made available.

I welcome the rehabilitation, going increase the rehabilitation going

is part of Government policy to increase the rebabilitation going on whether by local authorities or available.

Mr Frank Allaon (Salford, East, Lah)—Is or is not the £300m cut temposed by the IMF for next year to be restored? Half the profits from North Sea oil should be restored as a come about as a result in 1977 of a diversion of resources from North Sea oil should be new building to rehablistation. It has not it has come about as part of the provision we budgeted for. What we are seeing this year is for 1978-79 of the experience we have had with certain local authorities or housing associations. He is mistaken if he thinks that has come about as resources from provision we budgeted for. What we are seeing this year is switch of resources.

Modernization of Whitehall offices

Mr Kenneth Marks, Under Secreasked what plans there were for the fine interiors.
the future of the Old Public Offices The possibility in Whitehall, said in a written reply: The Government have already

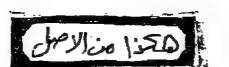
has been considered but has been found to be too costly in relation amounced that part of the Old provided.

Public Offices was vacated when the Home Office stransferred their headquanters to 50 Queen Arme's Gate earlier this year.

It is intended to preserve the graphine of improvemen and

existing facades of the Old Public modernization over the next three Offices and as many as possible of to four years as resources permit the fine interiors.

Cleaning and restoration of the The possibility of extensive stonework in the courtyard is aiready in progress. The part of the building that was vacated by the Home Office will, on completion of the works, be occupied by Foreign and Common. wealth Office staff transferred from lessed accommodation elsewhere in central London,



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a Special Report on medical exports to the Arab countries and Iran

Hospitals and health care





An EMI scanner in use at the King Faisal Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and a Save the Children Fund inoculation programme in progress in North Yemen.

Second thoughts about priorities

by Alan Grainge

causes of death will be respiratory infections, gestro-tric disorders.

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"It now has an estimated 62 hospitals providing 7.300 beds, in addition to another 215 clinics or dispensaries and 372 health centres. These facilities are staffed by about 2.000 doctors and nearly 4,000 nurses", the reputations agood payers.

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With the emergence of this and other new health difficulties, many Middle manufacturers exporting to summarized at a conference London Commerce. member of the Department of Health and Social Secur-

market value of slightly less provided by a team of spethat \$5.6m is expected to cially-trained officers which reach nearly \$20m, by 1980, travels regularly throughout the tere is an expectation the world visiting government that this will fall significantly to an additional solding at hospitals and \$2.8m by 1985.

One indication of the importance attached

importance attached to supplies and pharmaceuti-spending more on health cals. One result of these care by the Middle East visits has abown that there countries over the next is a marked preference decade will be the exhibition among countries which are

NHS experience plays vital role

ing Edward Hospital Fund

by John Roper

The National Health Service is nearly 30 years old and because its difficulties attract more publicity than its achievements it is often forgotten that it has built up unrivalled expertise in all proving invaluable in keeping Britain in a leading place among those countries which supply everything necessary to Arab countries engaged in a huge and rapid expansion and kaises with the British Health-Care Export Council, which has also expanded in the past two years and is said increasing its activities.

The Council was started in 1964 as the British Hospitals Export Council by Mr Miles Hardie, then director of the king Edward Hospital Fund doctors and nurses and sup-porting professional staff,

engineers, pechnicians, adfor London, as a part-time ministrators and many caregories of skilled workers.

In the strong competition 20 members. Today, from to promote and sell medical offices in Newman Street, goods and services in the off Oxford Street, London, and the compression of the Lordon, the compression of the lordon that the compression of the lordon that the compression of the lordon that the lord Mr Jack Harris, the secretary-general, with the help of two executives. Mr Jim Hole and Mr Nigel Holden. professional and trained staff is at least as important as the supply of build-ings and equipment. The demand is overwhelming. meets the needs of 200 manufacturing members ex-Social Services, said after a tour of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait viding services in architec-tural design, engineering, and management. Manufacand Iran that the oil rich and management. Manufac-countries "have extremely turers pay an annual sub-ambitious health develop- scription of £250 and archi-

ment programmes". An tects, engineers and consultexample of what she meant ants, £100. The council's aim is that Saudi Arabia, well is to double its membership started on development, in the next two or three plans to build another 50 years. to 90 hospitals in the next Among the services it five years. It is officially gives is that of a centre for estimated that the Opec the collection and disseminationatries will spend at least ton of information. A \$23,000m on capital developments in health care in the developments in health countries will spend at least tion of information. A f3,000m on capital develop- weekly bulietin reports on ments in health care in the developments in health developments in health services overseas and hospitext five years.

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books. The latest, describ-ing British skills in inten-sive care, was produced in gress on Intensive Care in Paris last September

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by Pearce Wright

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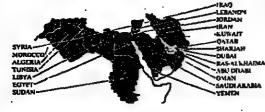
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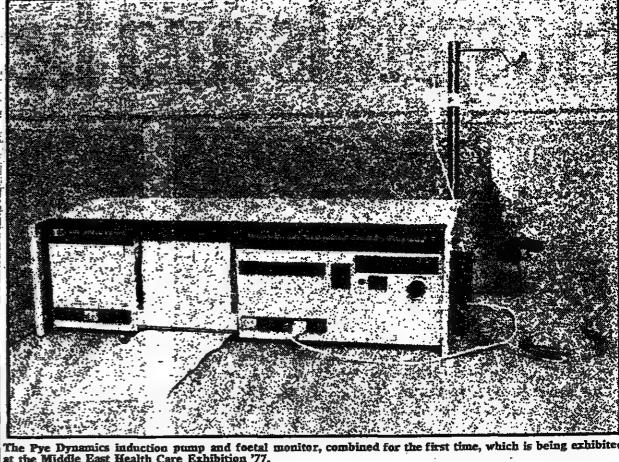
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by John Roper

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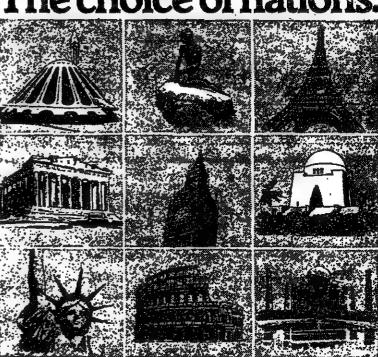
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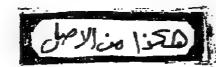
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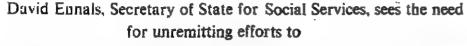
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Apple of My Eye By Helene Hanff (Andre Deutsch, £3.50)

"Author of 84, Charing Cross Road" the front of the dust-cover announces. It was too much to expect that Helene Hanff had done it again. A love affair with a bookshop is one thing. A marriage—the publisher's own word—with a city is snother. By her art and city is another. By her art and character Miss Hantf gave Marks and Co an interest for booklovers in all English-speaking countries. New York is parochial. Washington—Miss Hanif admits that "the minute you start a sentence with President Washingron' every-body stops listening "—Grant, J. P. Morgan, Mayor La Guardin Company of the Company of J. P. Morgan, Mayor La Guardia cannot hope to compete with Pepys, Keats, Izaak Walton, and their fellows. And while The Duchess of Bloomsbury Street was a London rhapsody, the heart of its appeal lay in Charing Cross Rond.

Apple of My Eye—New York is "the Big Apple" started as an assignment write copy for a book of photographs of New York City. This unillustrated volume is in started as an assignment to unillustrated volume is in effect a high-spirited—seven years have not robbed Miss Hanff of her gusto—good-humoured, highly personal series of excursions to neigh-bourhoods, skyscrapers, art gal-leries, museums, churches, his-torie, museums, churches, historic places, restaurants, and other sources of copy about the city. The finale on Ellis

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Miss Hanff says, "In New York you have to remember to look Up." The two women are amusing foils. They differ in character and in environment. Only occasionally does one have the feeling of meeting the people of New York. Although O. Henry's "four million" have more than doubled in the seventy years since million" have more than doubled in the seventy years since he wrote of them, his impression, rightly or wrongly, holds. But Miss Hanff brilliantly updates the difference between East Siders and West Siders, and much of the city she writes about is far too new for O. Henry to have known.

There was no Rockefeller Center then with its seventh storey garden as "psychological relief for workers on high floors". No Sheep Meadow concerts,

high floors". no Meadow concerts, one of which drew an audience of 250,000. You did not need a guide to Bloomingdale's great store. The city has moved about within itself and changed. Even Damon Runyon For ancientry there are Wall

Street, named from the wall Peter Stuyvesant built to keep out the pirates, the Bowery (Stuyvesant's bourerie or farm), the Bronx, and, imported to hark back farther still. The Cloisters with its chapter house from Gascony and Pyrenean cloister, both twelfth century, and Gothic portal from Burgundy a hundred years younger. John D. Rocke-feller Jr financed the project. Other men and women, rich and poor, have all enhanced the city. Self-help, individual civic victue, and openhanded munificence are sbiding iro-pressions left by this lively volume. New York may be bankrupt. Helene Hanff shows William Haley

Books next week include Robert Nye on The English Auden ; Kay



Joseph Chamberlain By Enoch Powell (Thames & Hudson, £4.95) Radical Joe By Denis Judd (Hamish Hamilton, £7.95)

In his brief and derivative biographical study" Enoch Powell searches for the "secret correspondences" between the early and the late career of Joseph Chamberlain. He finds them in Chamberlain's willingness to destroy his own party when it "betrayed" what he considered to be fundamental causes—union with Ireland, threatened by the Liberal espousal of Home Rule in 1886, and imperial unity, endangered by the Tory refusal to accept tariff reform in 1903.

In his more substantial and scholarly biography Denis Judd, too, attempts to reconcile the inconsistencies of Chamberlain's political life. He discovers that Joe "remained a radical throughout". At first he was a radical politically; later he became an economic and fiscal radical. His apparent volte faces were really exercises in "radical resporassal".

Historians are as apt as politicians to discern patterns in a flux, to resolve contradictions into paradoxes. With Chamber-lain, the social reformer turned lain, the social reformer turned Imperialist Conservative, this simply will not do. Chamberlain himself acknowledged that he was inconsistent. He also came close to admitting (what is generally the truth about politicians—Disraeli and Lloyd George, for example—who use major issues to split their parties) that his divisive activities were inspired by personal ambition. He wished to climb to the top of the greasy pole and he did not much mind whether he managed it by standing on Liberal or Conservative heads. Or even, like Disraeli, by standing on his own head. His Biring on his own head. His Birmingham critics satirized his radicalism crudely but accurately: "Now, me lads, let us be equal and I will be your king." Chamberlain's principles were temporary only his magnetic power of express ing them was permanent.

Still the quest for cor-respondences is not without interest. Especially when they are the correspondences between author and subject in Mr Poweil's volume, which often reads as oblique aurobiography. Certainly Enoch Powell gets top billing on the dust-jacket, where his picture is approximezely rwice the size of Joseph Chamberlain's, Moreover, in a sense his book is a peradigm of Mr Powell the intellectual populist. For the text is an abstruse academic essay while the likustrations have the broades; possible appeal, vant. There is, for example, a splendid advertisement for builds which bears the legend, "What is Wented in Darkest Africa is the Electric Light."

Anyway, the parallels between the two Midiands comets emerge quite strikingly. For instance, Mr Powell draws attention to Chamberlain's attention to Chamberlain's "early sounding of a premonitory note" about the antitut of destinate alters, mainly Jews from Eastern Europe, in the 1890s, And he remarks that a Cabiner Minister who employs the instrument of a series of public speeches, as Chamberlain did in attempting to foist radical prostrammes on his radical programmes on his parties, is "irresistible except by expulsion". But Mr Powell is highly selective in his delineation of Chamberlain's delineation of Chamberlain's personal nature and political course. Thus he fails to mention that his hero's view of aliens was fuelled by an and-Semirism which even then it was scarcely respectable to profess, Chamberlain told Wickham Steed (whose name Dr Judd garbles deplorably), "There is ... only one race that I despise—the Jews, sir. They are physical cowards." Nor does Mr Powell refer to Chamberlain's play, The Game of Politics, which so clearly evidenced shifts in his political position. This is a pity for it position. This is a pity for it would have been interesting to have his opinion of the play. It was "a parable exposing the folly and danger of irrespon-sible demagogy".

Like Mr Powell himself, Chamberlain was both unlucky and impatient. He had to conand imparaent he than to con-tend with not one but two political leeches, Gladstone and Balfour, Unable to dislodge them, he twice resorted to drasnic amputatory operations on the body politic. They were failures. The injured parties recovered and the surgeon was left out on a limb.

Fiction

A remarkable feature of much

The Sin Eater By Alice Thomas Ellis (Duckworth, 54.95)

They Call it Murder

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By Tom Hart (Quartet, £3.95)

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reflected through three millennia of Western art. Calling on a vast range of European sources, Lord Clark's book is in support of the World Wildlife Fund, as is Animals in Art by Jessica Rawson (British Museum Publications, £6.95 and £3.95), which also takes in the riches of Near and Far Eastern art—libns and hartebeests playing chess, elephants and hares at the fountain of the moon—and makes an enticing companion to the exhibition opening at the Museum on December 2. An exhilarating task

The Other Half By Kenneth Clark (John Murray, £6.50)

Lord Clark begins his second volume of memoirs with a shock. "H. G. Wells's Autobiography is one of the best I know", he writes in his preface to The Other Half. "It succeeds because, when he wrote it, H.G. had not lost his appeare for life. After the age of 70 I began to lose mine". Do not be misled by the flash

of blackness into assuming this will be a memoir without zest, for in a man who watches himself with such merciless exactitude it can only announce a journey of grimly absorbing a journey of grimly absorbing interest: it is every bit as good as its predecessor. Another Part of the Wood. This is not to deny that he has begun in lose his appetite for life, but rather in affirm that he has lost nothing of his ability to describe it in an entirely idosyncratic and frequently unexpected way: "I in an entirely mosyntratic and frequently unexpected way: "I think I know more or less what I am worth: it isn't much, but it is something". No point in writing autobiography at all unless one believes at least

The remark, so characteristic in its mixture of combative defiance and self-deprecation, is occasioned by the quite unfore-seen success of Civilization in the United States: acclaimed by hysterical crowds in Wash-ington, Clark felt, he tells us, like a man mistaken for a doctor in a city stricken with the plague. It is a good image. Many people who have suc-ceeded in America must have felt the same: for a while they are believed to carry the auswer, they are thought to be dispens-ing the cure. Even in philistine Britzain nine people wrote to say the series had saved them from taking their own lives.

The responsibility and what Clark regarded as the deception were terrifying and perhaps even traumanic: when consideven alongside the joy he remembers in making it, and the disdain which has pursued him from the heights of Parnassus ever since, there can be no doubt that Civilization has contributed considerably to the

The chief cause, however, was the lingering illness and death of his beloved wife Jane, to counter the disery of which he was persuaded to write The Other Half. The title honours Jane Clark's companionship as well as the second 35 years of his own life, for while writing little of her directly save in a painful and very moving Enipainful and very moving Epi-logue, his desolation at her loss colours the whole book. He writes out of, and against, grief. The result is sometimes

Young hippopotamus, recently arrived at London Zoo, by Landseer (1850). Reproduced

bitter but, like any creative task well done, exhilarating. The Other Half is written, The Other Half is written, he tells us, from an increasingly fallible memory, since he kept no diaries (though she did, and he has used them on occasion to check facts) and it takes us from 1940, when he supervised the removal of paintings from the National Gallery to the skate caves of North Wales, to 1976, when his wife died. In between he had written most of the be had written most of the books by which postericy will know him, notably (in his own judgment) Ruskin Today, Moments of Vision and The Nude.

ments of Vision and The Nude.

During the war he worked at the Ministry of Information, ran something called the Home Morale Emergency Committee, and wrote a little regarded pamphlet, If the Invader Comes, the burden of whose advice, he tells us, was stay off the roads. More usefully, he was trucial to the establishment of CEMA, the Arts Council, a permanent opera company at Covent Garden (1946) and the Independent lelevision Aurhority (1955), and several other ty (1955), and several other enterprises. "The nicest com-mittee I ever sat on", he remarks at one point, " was the remarks at one point, "was the National Gallary of Scotland, the nastiest the National Theatre", a statement he does nothing to expand, though doubtless others one day will.

He is, of course, a man for enthusiasm, end so writes best on the job he enjoyed most: the ITA, for largeing to chair which be was boosed on entering the diness room at the Athenaeum (clearly a pleasure). From the start he was much more than a respectable front for Tory enterprise, keeping the Authority free from the WORST CODSECUENCES OF COMDERN

ploitation—Eden personally requested a more "positive" presentation of the news at one point—and seeing the ability of figures like Lew Grade years before anyone else. A levelling Scots commonsense and a cer-tain sympathy for showbiz have never quite deserted him. He is a democrat, albeit in Jeffer-sonian mould, ("I find it almost impossible to shake hands and laugh simultaneously when I meet a man for the first time", he remarks memorably of a tiring trip to Sweden) and for that reason, like many democratic grandees, he loves Australia and Australians.

As to his memory, in the area I know best, the immediate

ate post-wars years at the Royal Opera House, I find him misleadingly subjective rather than inaccurate : he underrates the first musical director, Kari Rankl, whose training abilities with chorus and orchestra were with chorus and orchestra were
of supreme importance at the
time; Ranki was not
replaced by the incomparsbly more gifted Kleiber, since
Kleiber (or so I've always
understood) would not take the job. It is true, however, that Rankl left as a result of Kleiber's great success. Clark takes credit for the idea of a permanent company in the

first place and for getting
David Webster to run it.

The Other Half, like its predecessor, is filled with brilliant,
indicates and exprachasic decessor, is filled with brilliant, judicious and sympathetic cheracter-sketches drawn from life, notably of Keynes, De Valera, Edith Sitwell and Vivien Leigh. Two witnessed occasions have terrible retrospective power: a presentiment of Keynes's death, like a rabe our of Hoffmann, and the tale our of Hoffmann, and the night of Churchill's first stroke, at which the Clarks were both present, in 1953. The Prime Minister had collapsed in a chair. "I want the hand of a friend" he muranured teking that of Jame Clark, who had sat next to him through a dinner for the Italian Prime Minister, "They put too much on me." Selective and prudent they may be, but Lord Chark's two volumes are among the best written, sharpest and most

entertaining memoirs of our

story to Dr Southgate who provides a brilliant conspectus of

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Deep roots

The Gun and the Olive Branch; The Roots of Violence in the Middle Bust in Kenneth Clark's Animals and Men (Thanes & Hudson, £10.50) an introduction in five short essays and extended captions to a complex and contradictory relationship as By David Hirst (Faber, £6.50)

David Hirst makes no secret of his intention to tell the "other side" of the story of violence between Arabs and Jews. Prebetween Arabs and Jews. Frevious literature on the subject,
he notes in the preface to this
scholarly work, has been overwhelmingly Zionist in sympathy and "it is therefore only
right and proper that the
balance be redressed". Future
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that he has succeeded. Whether this task involved Whether this task involved the impartial writing of history is another matter. Mr Hirst begins his story in the early spring of 1899 with the letter which the Mayor of Jerusalem wrote to Rabbi Khan. "In the name of God", the mayor wrote then, "leave Palestine in peace". The remaining chapters trace the wrutal and chapters trace the mutual and growing hostility of Arab and Jew as the Zionists gradually, ruthlessly and conspiratorially

take over Palestine.
The book is so thoroughly indexed and anotated that the story seems to be complete. But it is not. Mr Hirst's initial chapters supposedly cover the period up to the foundation of the state of Israel. Chapter three is titled "The Arab Rebeltion 1935-1939". Yet chapter four begins "In 1946..." The entire period of the Second World War has been left virtually untouched.

It is a curious omisson. In tracing the roots of Jewish violence one would have thought it essential to retell even in the briefest form—the story of the Nazi holocaust. It is one of the reasons for the Israeli obsession with security and uncompromising militarism. Hitler receives a slight mention on just six occasions—but there is scarcely any comment on Arab Pales-tinian attitudes during the war. This means that Mr Hirst does not have to consider Jew-

ish reaction to the involvement of the Palescinian leadership with the Nazis. What, for example does Mr Hirst have to say about the actions of the Mufti of Jerusalen, Mufti of Jerusalem, Mohammed Said Haj Amin el Husseini, who had dined with Himmier, helped to raise two divisions of Yugoslav muslims for the SS and in the words of another book about Arab Jewish violence—intervened personally with Reich Foreign Minister Ribbentrop to prevent the emigration of 4,000 Jewish children from Bulgaria to Palestine, Mr Hirst says nothing of this.

Such events, of course, do Michael Ratcliffe nor should they. The burile for

> find this analysis profoundly true. As Lord Butler com-ments: "There has always been a restoration." This book goes

some way to explaining why.

Norman St John-Stevas

manage to be highly diverting.

Crackpot, by Ron Goulart (Hale, £3.75). The style is deceptively pulp-like and simple in this zany story of a robot war being waged between South California and Maries by the character and tensor by the character and tensor by the character and tensor that the character and tensor that the character and the charact

iugular of our oft-unacknow-ledged interior sense of myth, beautifully realized in the title

story, a wry, moving account of a boozing trio at the moment before Creation calls "Time, humanity please." Addicts will

Tom Hutchinson

mentaries. It is a pleasant, earn

mentaries. It is a pleasant, earnest novel about a lad growing up in Norfolk, discovering the joys of architecture, and finally marrying and settling down—the gist of which seems to be that we all get older but life must go on: there is an extraordinary blending of unintentional comedy and number

tentional comedy and purple prose when he discovers that

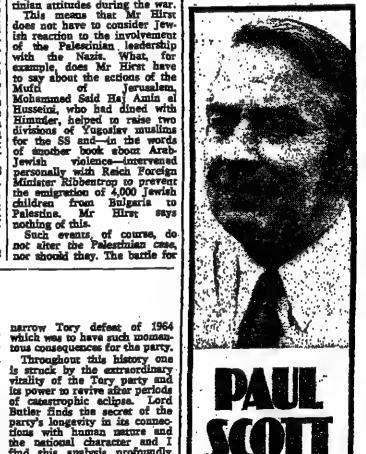
prose when he discovers that the model in a drawing class is the much-admired wife of a local schoolmaster, and swoons away with shock ("So his eyes dropped, surveying once more those fierce breasts with their great all-seeing nipples, dropping lower until his vision was blurred, his cheeks scorched by the flames that licked up from between her thighs ...") Enough said.

Jeremy Lewis

Palestine is rooted in longer and equally palpable events. It is, as Mr Hirst makes clear, partly rooted in the flerce, aimost inhuman determination of Zionist Jews to increase their population in Palestine. Recent evidence from East Germany suggests that Adolf Eichmann—the Nazi war /cininal executed by the Israelissecretly mer a Jewish Haganah officer in Groppi's ice cream parlour in Cairo in 1937. According to Eichmann's confidential report, the Haganah man praised Germany's policy towards. man praised Germany's poolty towards Jewty—because the Jewish refugees would swell the population of Palestine. But Mr Hirst, still disregarding the Nazis, does not refer to this extraordinary affair, even though it would support his

The Gun and the Olive Branch deserves to influence those who have unitality supported the Israeli cause. Mr Hirst tends to regard mob violence (particularly Arab mob violence) as somehow less horrifying than premeditated terrorism but the two qualities of anger have merged in recent years. The Lufthansa hijacker raved like a child as he bullied and murdered his captive pilot last month. The Israelis apparently month. The Israelis apparently attacked one of their own dying soldiers by mistake in their fury at the Beit Shean killings. In the Beitut cinemas these last few weeks, the Lebanese have been showing the American-made feature film of the Munich Olympics massacra. When the captive Israelis are burot and machinegumed to death by Palestinian superfilms at the film's climax. guerrillas at the film's climax, the Palestinians in the audience roar their approval. It is still the gun rather than the olive branch.

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The Conservative Party is the oldest party in the state : other parties rise and fall but some-how or other the Tory party seems to go on for ever. It is good then that Lord Butler has set himself the task of organiz-ing a small team of historians to trace the history of the party from its origins down to modern

Lord Butler himself contributes a prologue and an epi-

Science fiction

This fine novel about time-un-

ravellers has halfucinatory powers. As a dimension time

gives a point of reference to our

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but Mr Priest topsy-turvys con

cepts—and our expectations and ideas in the process. His heroine, Julia, Is one of a group who project themselves into an imagined future for

the purpose of understanding today. That other word for

their altered egos is a Wessex which has become a tourist attraction, a kind of last resort, in an England secure in

collectivization. When a sadis-tic lover intrudes into the tem-poral psychodrama the whole starts to crumble into para-doxes of illusion and disillu-

sion.
The lover, in fact, seems the

to quote the same cynical observer, "for some rubbish about the brotherhood of man".

A Dream of Wessex

By Christopher Priest (Faber, £4.25)

characteristic passages. Professor Norman Gash, whose blo-graphy of Peel has become a classic contributes the first chapter to the book. He finds the origins of the party in the reaction to the French Revolu-tion although it would of course be possible to trace them to a nuch earlier joint in time, to Bolingbroke and even to Halifax. However the self-limitation is wise particularly as the earlier period has been so expertly covered by Mr Keith Failing.

the Labour Party within a democratic framework, and going on to consider the major measures of social reform associated with Neville Chamberlain, Dr Ramsden treats of contemporary Toryism, starting with Sir Winston Churchill and ending his account with the Feiling.

Professor Gath takes us down to Peel and then hands over the

shallowest character, lacking motivation, but all the others run amok and frays into inconsistent to make us understand only too well their Wessex-yearning for a place of content, a bolt-hole from the time one of the best stories that

tent, a bolt-hole from the time of now. As a future-shocker it is quiet in tone, but what is clearly audible is the way the author marshes today's tendencies to become the received fact of tomorrow. It is a piece that revives the conviction, sensed before in his other work day. We bring is other work, that Mr Priest is a novelist of real distinction. a novelist of real distinction.

Who Goes Here? by Bob Shaw
(Gollancz, £395). The time
machine in this case is in a
lavatory and a the story has a
hero called Warren Peace
(think about ii) and a Professor Armand Legge (no, better
not think about it) you will
realise that it's supposed to be
comic. In fact this story of
Warren, who joins the Space
Legion to forget and has his
memory militatily erased, is
very funny for a good chunk as

very funny for a good chunk as the narrative nundles Warren breathlessly along, searching for his lost past But it doesn't

towards virtue as of a fear of evil and unkindness."

Unfortunately for Ermyn, the other members of her family are robust and unrepentant sinners. Michael and Angela, a trendy couple from Camden Town, are replete with worldly wisdom and emert social The Sin Eater takes place during a long weekend at the height of summer. The various members of an aggressively upper-crusted family have been summoned home to Wales by the news that their father is slowly perging out A celfich wisdom and expert social snipers: Edward a society journalist takes up Angela's amorous advantes, while Michael gives the glad eye to the news that their father is slowly pegging out. A selfish old devil, he has spent his life womanizing and boozing with his cronies: his wife, who died giving birth to their youngest child, Ermyn, had been one of nature's victims "who only wanted to be good, harassed and driven by her husband's scorn, like a gentle lumbering Gomer, the busekeeper's oafish son; Henry-like the rest of them-is t hardened soak, while his wif Rose is a tough-minded Irish Catholic who loambes the liberalization of her Church and internatively. A remarkable feature of much recent fiction is a nostalgia for traditional Christianity, more concerned with man's fall from grace and with the magic and ritualistic aspects of belief—
"Sensible religion is a contradiction in terms", observes one character in Alice Thomas Ellis's subtle and impressive first novel—than with the church as a minor adjunct of the welfare state which has ditched all its beliefs "except", result not so much of an urge who loathes the liberalization who loathes the liberalization of her Church and issinctively suspects the worst of everyone (Ermyn "thought Rose brave, but wondered whether she was pur, but so were some poisons it that unadulterated sense"). As the weekend draws to an actininocence of optimism, the milkiness of hope—light in the church as a minor adjunct of the welfare state which has ditched all its beliefs "except", result not so much of an urge

one of the best stories that Keith Laumer has ever written, "The Plague", which, though I would dispute its pre-

Mexico, but there's a real sense of satire and unease about the state of the American nation. mise about social insecurity, nevertheless makes for a saris-Last Orders, by Brian Aldiss (Cape, £3.95). Mr. Aldiss is prodigiously with us again via a splendid series of jabs at the fyingly prejudiced read. Universe 3, edited by Terry Carr (Dobson, £3.95). A more avant-garde compilation, which rends to the gaspingly rarefied but redeems itself with the terrifying "Randy-Tandy Man" by Ross Rocklynne and "Many Mansions" by Robert Silverberg—this last briter emough about a manuage to feel like experience

need no persuasion to read more of this "Enigmas", surto feel like experience. real subversions of what may be considered SF normality: beau-tiful haunted houses containing The Zeitgeist Machine, selected by Damien Broderick (Angus & Robertson, £3.95). Loading my space with anthologies on this occasion, but here's one nor ghosts of meaning that each reader will have to reconstruct in the substance of his or her own understanding of the Aldiss-poetic.

to miss, a handsome clutch of stories from Australia—Down Under dealing with Our There with a variety of skills that all Home Front is stiff with dia-logue of the kind which is sup-posed to sound refreshingly suthentic but bears a worful resemblance to those stilted conversations that emanate from "live" televisian docu-mentaries. It is a plessant exp

Far from being a gloomy theological tract, The Sin Enter has an almost Chestertonian hilarity: the writing is vivid (sometimes self-consciously so) and the author has a keen eye for absurdities, like the hishop who is convinced that Jesus had "a tremendous sense of fun". Much to be recommended.

Would that one could say the same for the rest of this week's new novels. Tom Hart's They Call it Murder is a modest, well-meaning novel about a child whose mother is about a child whose mother is persistently vile to her. Lucy spends her days communing with an imaginary chum: when things get really bad she sets fire to the house in which Mum and her lover are snoozing in bed. The whys and wherefores of Lucy's story read much like the leaves from a social worker's casebook.

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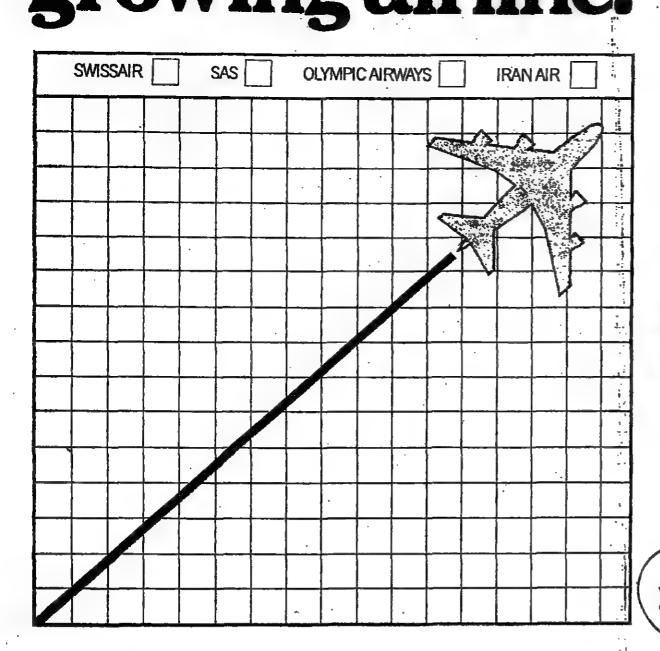
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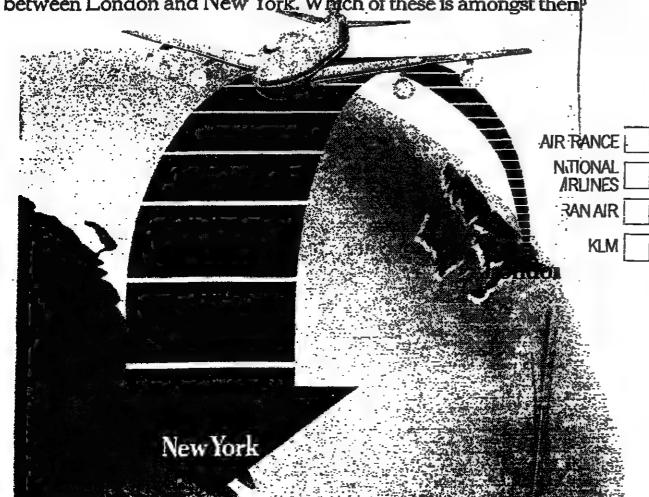




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ON TO GENEVA

President Sadat's visit to Israel last weekend was an historic turning point and has effected an irreversible change in Arab-Israeli relationships. It is far less clear what is to happen next. The "agreed communiqué", read by Mr Begin at the joint press conference concluding the visit, is a curious document. It consists of a single sentence of one hundred and six words, of which the subject is "the covernment of Israel" and the main verb is "proposes". It is not officially a "joint communique". The reason given for this by the Israeli Government press office was that it would be press office was that it would be inelegant for President Sadat to become a formal signatory of a document presented as a response to the sincere and courageous move by President Sadat ". That is hardly convincing. Had Mr Sadat wished to sign a joint communiqué a more

appropriate one could surely have been drafted. The document tells us that the Israeli Government believes in the need to continue a dialogue along the lines pro-nosed by both sides during their exchanges and their presentation of their positions", and goes on to propose "that this hopeful step be further pursued through dialogue between the two parties concerned, thereby paving the way towards successful negotiations leading to the signing of reace treaties in Geneva with all the neighbouring Arab states

Mr Sadat thus allows the Israeli Government to say that he proposed a dialogue during their exchanges, along lines at least compatible with, if not identical to, those proposed by Mr Begin. Yet the proposal that "this hopeful step be further pursued through dialogue" is left as a unilateral Israeli one, apparently hanging in the air. What is it that Mr Sadat did nor wish to associate himself with formally in the Israeli proposal? Most probably the words "between the two parties concerned". He is clearly very anxious not to give the impression that his visit to Israel is

the starting point for a bilateral foot in their occupied homeland negotiation outside the Geneva conference, at which all the Arab parties should be represented (including, as Mr Begin con-firmed on Monday, the "Pales-tinian Arabs"). The conference remains, as far as Egypt is concerned, the only proper forum for negotiations between the Arabs and Israel.

Both leaders said, however, at their joint press conference, and in identical words, that they would "together work for reconvening the Geneva conference in the very near future". It is the precise form of this collaboration that remains elusive, but since as far as is known no permanent channel of direct communication has been established it seems likely that they will revert to indirect contacts through the

United States. What remains to be resolved between Israel and Egypt before the Geneva conference can start presumably still the form of Palestinian representation. But this is now much less a problem between Israel and Egypt than between Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Before he went to Israel Mr Sadat was coaxing and bullying the PLO, apparently with some success. into endorsing a form of representation which the Israelis, with some American persuasion, could accept. The essence of this formula was that the identity of the Palestinian delegates would be such that the Arabs could regard them as chosen and man-dated by the PLO while the Israelis would pretend that they were not. The statement issued by the PLO's political department in Tunis on November 13 appeared to have been carefully drafted precisely for that pur-

Adhering to the spirit of this tacit compromise, both Mr Sadat and Mr Begin avoided referring to the PLO by name, at least in public, during the visit. But the PLO meanwhile was being swept far away from Mr Sadat by the tide of anger that welled up among its militants at the sight of an Arab leader setting

and exchanging handshakes, jokes and compliments with the occupiers. As after the second Sinai agreement, and in spite of all the mutual suspicion and bitterness which arose between them as a result of the Lebanese war, the PLO and Syria have joined together in a violent campaign against Egyptian treason".

This campaign is understandable in emotional terms, but politically it makes no more sense than its predecessor. Even if, which is highly unlikely, it succeeded in arousing the Egyptian people—or rather the Egyptian Army—to overthrow Mr Sadat, it could hardly undo the effect that his gesture has already had of demolishing the invisible wall between Israel and the Arab states. The more lucid Palestinians have known anyway, since at latest the Lebanese war, that the Arab states will not go on fighting their battle for them indefinitely, that there will sooner or later be a peace settlement, and that the Palestinians will have to fit themselves into it as best they can. They should have been grateful to an Egyptian president who, having taken the momentous decision to go to Israel and talk peace to the Israelis, told the Israelis firmly that there could be "no peace without the Palestinians" and that it was " no use refrain-ing from recognizing the Palestinian people and their rights to statehood and rights of return ".
Both the PLO and Syris fear,

of course, that those are only words and that Mr Sadat's real intention is to make a separate peace. But they are behaving in precisely the way most likely to make him do just that. If he can convince the Saudis and the Gulf Arabs that he has done his best for Syria and the Palestinians and that they have excluded themselves he might conclude that that is, after all, the way to preserve essential Egyptian interests. The Syrians and Palestinians would do better to swallow their pique and participate constructively in preparations for the Geneva conference.

TRIPPED ON THE STARTING LINE

suitably chaotic vote. This is the clause, headed "preliminary", which declares that the provisions of the Bill do not affect the unity of the kingdom or the supreme authority of Parliament to make laws for any part of it. The Conservatives opposed the clause because they believe it to be untrue. The Bill, in their view, palpably affects the unity of the kingdom and the authority of Parliament. The nationalists, Scottish and Welsh, opposed the clause because they believe it might be true. They wanted it out of the Bill lest it prove in any way to be a self-fulfilling declaration: thus far and no farther. The Liberals opposed the clause for reasons that were very little explained in the debate, but appear to have something to do with their need to remind everybody that they have an independent political

It was being said, after it was struck out, that the clause does not matter very much; that it is declaratory rather than operative, an expression of intent rather than a rule of construc-

The Government lost the first or alternatively an obvious mis-clause of its Scotland Bill in a statement—that, anyway, its statement—that, anyway, its omission would not affect the way this legislation is translated into the real world of politics and power. That is to underrate the importance of the upset.

In all previous essays in devolution within the United Kingdom, which is to say in all Acts or abortive Bills drafted for the purpose of devolving the parts of Ireland, it has been thought necessary to state explicitly the supremacy of Parliament and to reserve its authority to legislate in all matters in the affected part of the kingdom. The Government of Ireland Act, 1920, for instance, the statutory base for Stormont, stated that "the supreme authority of the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall remain unaffected and undiminished over all persons, matters and things" in Northern Ireland.

The convention became established there, as it may be expected to in relation to Scotland if this measure goes through, that Parliament does not busy itself with matters that become the concern of the devolved legislature and administration. The

whole purpose of the thing would be defeated if Parliament made a habit of doing otherwise. Nevertheless it was thought important to make explicit the subordinate character of these devolved assemblies or parlia-ments and to provide for an eventuality in which Parliament proper seeks to resume direct responsibility. That came about in the case of Stormont in March 1972 and took the drastic form of the extinction of provincial government. There are some who think that Northern Ireland might have been spared some of its anguish if Parliament had asserted earlier and less drastic authority over " persons, matters and things" in that part.

Similarly, the measure conferring devolved government on Scotland should not be blind to the possibility that at some time the Parliament of the United Kingdom may require to intervene in devolved matters in Scotland. The politics of the thing would be messy, more likely convulsive. But it would be made a great deal worse if the constitutionality of the action were not placed beyond doubt by explicit provision in the devolution statute.

The Wordsworth appeal From Mr Ronald Blythe

Sir. The decision by the trustees of the Wordsworth Heritage Appeal to put all their wants into one basket, so to speak, has its merits but it still doesn't alter the time factor where the securing of the newly discovered manuscripts is concerned. The repairing of the puer's house and the building of the library are musts, but rise amount nutstand. are musts, but the amount outstanding to Cornell University, now some 120,000 due to the generous intervention by the V and A, is required virtually at once.

I stress this only because the announcement of a combined appeal could lull givers into thinking that the new finds are no longer at risk. They have to be at Dove Cottage. They are so important to Wordsfrom the main archive would be a tragedy. So, first things first, or comfortably before February 5. Yours faithfully.

RONALD BLITHE, Bottengom's Farm, ormingford, Colchester. November 20.

Soviet creches

From Miss Olga Franklin Sir, One point in Miss Elizabeth Bower's excellent article (November 11) on Soviet women, conflicts with that currently appearing in the Soriet press.

Miss Bower was rold that Soviet Russian women want more creches and nursery schools, but the Moscow paper Literaturnaya Gazeta recently castigated women for refusing to put their babies into a creche while at work. "Often the creches provided are more than half empty because many women rold us they preferred to bribe mothers in law or even a neighbour which meant they Miss Bower was rold that Soviet

terested to bribe mothers in law of the a neighbour which meant they had to rush home early from work." This paper and the Irrestia sup-plement Nedelya undertook surveys

and published interviews with young mothers who said they feared infec-tion and colds for their children; claiming that nursery staff were un-trained or inefficient and adding that "many mothers said frankly they were reluctant to hand over an only child to be trained by some-one else."

The paper also claimed that withholding an only child from the creche was resulting in more children becoming a monster in the home, adding he does not find the collection resists. into a collective society and be-haves more like a little prince".

I mention this soviet concern about "half empty creches because there is a continuing demand in Britain for more creches and the Soviet experience may be useful. Yours sincerely. OLGA FRANKLIN, Church Hili,

Surrey. November 11.

Demolishing Elswick Hall

From Mr A. Stabler

Sir. With reference to the article which appeared in *The Times* of November 8 concerning Elswick Hall. I feel that some of the comments made require to be set in their

newcastle City Council is firmly committed to a wideranging programme in the field of conservation and, despite current economic con-straints, will be spending (in conunction with Type and Wear County Council) approximately £100,000 during this financial year on conservation projects

With regard to Elswick Hall, the City Council investigated a number of schemes over the past ten years to secure the preservation of the hall. Listed building consent to demolish the hall was granted in 1971 but further attempts were made, including national advertising, to find a suitable use but without success. Reluctantly the City Council came to the conclusion, that in the

light of the costs involved and the absence of a viable scheme, the preservation of the building could not be achieved.

In the case of the need for addito the case of the need for additional recreational facilities, there are two community centres and plans to build a new swimming pool in the immediate neighbourhood. In addition, discussions are currently in progress with local residents about increasing the recreational potential of the park in the context of a broader area to the context of a broader attack on the problems of deprivation in the inner areas of the city. Yours faithfully, ARTHUR STABLER.

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November 18.

Using the oil revenue

From Mr Neil Marten, MP for Bunburn (Conservative) Sir, Our oil .esources are, so far as we know, non-renewable. Should we not use part of our temporary wealth for the permanent benefit of future generations?

Of course, much of it must be ploughed back into investment which we hope will benefit future genera-tions. But could we not set up a "Heritage Fund" into which a proportion of the revenues go? From this fund, capital projects of lasting value could be financed: for example, cultural and sports facilities, medical research institutes and

Such a fund should be outside government control for obvious rea sons. It might be administered by a parliamentary committee to which any MP could submit proposals from his constituency or from his interest group.
Yours faithfully, MEIL MARTEN.

House of Commons.

November 21.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Direct elections in Europe

From the Presidents and Chairmen of the European Movement outside

Sir, On behalf of the International European Movement and its National Councils, we wish to point out that legislation for direct elections to the European Parliament is certain to be enacted in all European Community countries outside Britain in time to hold them in May or June 1978 as agreed between

member governments.

We are writing to appeal, through vour columns, to Members of the British Parliament to ensure that Britain keeps to the timetable envisaged. Under the Convention signed by member governments, elections have to be held simultaneously throughout the Community. A delay in Britain would thus deprive titizens of other Community countries of their promised democratic rights. This would damage, in our countries, Britain's reputation for upholding democracy, and seriously set back the cause of European solidarity and unity.

JEAN REY, Brussels,

HORST SEFFELD. Bonn, member governments.

HORST SEEFELD. Bonn, MERIAM HEDERMAN O'BRIEN, Dublin
J. E. C. MOLENAAR. The Hague,
LOUIS LEPRINCE-RINGUET, Paris,
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GIUSEFPE PETRILLI, Rome, Enrone House, 1A Whitehall Place, SW1. November 22.

The future of Rhodesia

From Mr Brian Crozier

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Sir, Some months ago, you were kind enough to give prominence to a letter of mine about the dangers of preferential negotiations with Marxist and Soviet supported groups of black Rhodesians. Now that the Government's policy for Rhodesia lies in ruins, the folly of ignoring British and Western interests in this way is there for all to see.

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It is indeed hard to understand how a man of Field-Marshal Carver's intelligence could have lent his name to an exercise so clearly foredoomed to failure. It is similarly inexplicable that Mr Andrew Young can still say that the Anglo-American proposals are the only way to ensure the future stability of Rhodesia when they are so parently the recipe for chaos and the emergence, after much bloodabed, of a regime serving the interests of the Soviet Union.

Ar Chikerema's visit is much to be welcomed. The only hope for Rhodesia's future lies in an internal solution between Mr Smith and schilble leaders such as Messrs Chikerema, Musorewa and Sithole, who repudiate violence. Suitable Marabele representation will have to be found; and, having done the

to be found; and, having done the negotiating, Mr Smith should resign, to pewe the way for free elections, with proper safeguards for the white population, and with the existing defence forces so maintain order.

sier. Such a settlement is now a real Such a settlement is now a real possibility, but may not be so much longer. Should it happen, the British and American Governments could make amends for past folly by lending it their full support and standing up to the Marxist "Patriotic Front". Yours very truly, BRIAN CROZIER, 112 Bridge Lane, Temple Fortune, NW11.

Plans for coal

From the Duke of Rutland Sir, The constant fall in production of deep mined coal from 115m tons in 1975 to an estimated 103m tons this year, the recent rejection of the Coal Board's productivity proposals by the miners, and the problems of early retirement of experienced man should receive lems of early retirement of experienced men should require a thorough and impartial reappraisal of the Plan for Coal. It is unrealistic for the Coal Board to state that they can reach their target of 135m tons of deep mined coal by 1985 tunder present circumstances, even after spending up to £4,000m of public money on development of new mines.

new mines.

The capital programme should be reduced, and other sources of energy including the importation of cheaper coal from abroad must be considered.

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British coal, already expensive in relation to foreign imports, will undoubtedly become even more costly after a substantial miners wage eward, or a productivity scheme. Yours faithfully,

RUTLAND, Belvoir Castle, Grantham. November 15.

Marxism in education From Professor C, K. Grant

Sir, No sensible person suggests that students should not learn about Marxism, any more than that a medical course should omit venereal disease. In fact, it provides a valuable perspective for understanding many social and historical issues, and (a few) philosophical ones also.

Nevertheless, Messrs Wilson and

Lukes (November 19) misrepresent their own case in arguing that Marxism is just another social-political theory, or group of theories, alongside the rest. In the first place, it is a programme of action, with the overall purpose of overturning by force the institutions of social democracy, ie, capitalist liberalism. Secondly, all the chief Marxist theorists held that truth is a hourseast delucion and restores. a bourgeois delusion and various versions of it are of value only insofar as they further the class struggle and promote the dictator-ship of the proletariat.

What is it that academics are supposed to investigate and to teach, on the supposition that there is no such thing as objective truth? I have not read Professor Gould's report, but there is obviously a lot in it, to judge by its intemperate re-ception by the left.

Yours truly. C. K. GRANT. Department of Philosophy, 50 Old Elvet, University of Durham, November 20.

Special cases in an incomes policy

From Mr Prank Field

Sir, Your report today (November 23) "Pay slips emphasize right of family men in fire service", emphasizes the two main weaknesses of the Government's incomes policy. of the Government's recomes postey.

In the first place there is no procedure to review "special cases" other than forcing groups of workers out on strike. The Government argues privately that the danger of establishing a review body for special cases is that practically every troup of workers. group of workers now consider themselves to come within this term of reference. Bur must this neces-sarily be true? A review body would have the full strength of public opinion behind it which clearly wishes to see a continued reduction in the rate of inflation. i believe most of us would still hold to the 10 per cent agreement even if some groups of relatively low paid workers were given special treatment. Would incomes policy collapse if the long standing grievances of firemen or agricultural workers, for example, were met?

The second factor which is making it so difficult for many groups to settle within the 10 per cent is the longer term fiscal and social security policies which have penalized families. The fireman interviewed in your report said "He was on strike to compare the men was on strike... to support the men with families who could no longer afford to pay their bills". The afford to pay their bills." The falling living standards of families with children is the other big weakness of the Government's present incomes policy.

I have taught at the Fire Brigades' Union's annual school for a number of years. What has been

a number of years. What has been noticeable over the last three has been the increasing militancy among younger firemen with families. Their militancy has been fed by three powerful forces which have been penalizing all families—both rich and poor alike. First, while it is true that the burden of taxation has increased for most groups, it has increased significantly faster for those with children, irrespective of their level of income. If the tax free income of different groups (ie, personal allowances and groups (ie, personal allowances and tax free child benefit) is presented as an index for different bouseholds for the years since 1974, the followfor the years since 1974, the following picture emerges. For a single person and a married couple, the index has risen to 151 and 158 respectively after the last mini budget, but to only 145 for a family with four children. This is not a new trend. The relative tax burden has been increasing faster for families with children over the past families with children over the past 20 veers.

Two other forces have been at work. While everybody has been affected by inflation, the rise in prices has been fastest for those on

low pay or with children. The third force undermining the living standards of families has been our

failure to develop a generous system of family benefits in this country. For example, while pensions and other major social security benefits have been increased 17 times since 1948, family benefits have been revised only six times.

With the massive increase in the price of oil, politicians prophesied considerable cuts in the nation's standard of living. But careful

examination shows that this reducrion has been concentrated over-whelmingly in households with children. We only have data up to the end of 1975. But taking 1974 as 100, the net disposable income for a single person and married couple has not fallen by even a single percentage point. In contrast it has risen to 104 and 105 for single and married pensioners respectively. In contrast the net disposable income of families with children has fellen to 94 and 87 for a two and four child family respectively. It's not only firemen with family respectively, and their with family responsibilities who can't pay their bills. The Government's resolve in winning the battle against inflation must be matched by a willingness to establish a review body to consider special claims, as well as settling separately with workers responsible for children, who are in the vanguard of today's industrial militancy. This will require an early statement from the Government that the first policies discriminating the fiscal policies discriminating against families will be reversed by the announcement of a generous increase in child benefits, Yours faithfully, FRANK FIELD,

Child Poverty Action Group, 1 Macklin Street, WC2.

The firemen's strike

229 Mile End Road, E1 November 22.

From Professor D. A. Smith Sir. As one who directs research on the constitution of the dangerously toxic gases produced in building fires, I feel I must protest against the Home Secretary's continuing refusal to allow the troops the use of even basic protective equipment.
Training in the use of breathing apparatus would not take more than an hour and could save a man from chronic lung disorder which might cripple him for the rest of his life. To employ men in such atmospheres unprotected contravenes a large body of recent industrial legislation and verges on the criminally irresponsible.
Yours faithfully, DEREK SMITH Ouean Mary College, University of London

Relaxing exchange controls From Lord Balogh

From Lord Balogh
Six, After the untimely appreciation
of the pound we now witness an
increasingly vobement egitation (including Mr Methven of the CBI) in
favour of relaxing the control over
direct and portfolio investment
abroad. Both analytically and
historically this agitation must be

condemned.

It has been argued that investment in foreign assets whose yield is higher than that attainable at

home maximizes the national bene-fit. Its protagonists ignore the fact that the value added by domestic investment takes the form not merely of profits but also salaries, wages (that is employment) and taxes to the Government. In the case of foreign investment all the latter accrue (except the excess of domestic over foreign taxes) to foreigners. Moreover, the balance of payments benefits only by the profits which are actually remitted, a fraction of the total. remitted, a fraction of the total.

Historically British industrial leaderships as undermined since at least 1835 by the dearth of investment at time, when at times over half of the national savings were exported. This process continues.

Retween 1950-70 Britain's foreign direct investment 125 direct investments were some £13; billion. It is argued that these

balance of payments as they were financed abroad. But this did not financed abroad. But this did not diminish the strain on the capacity of British industry to finance home investment as the equity-loan ratio of firms was worsened. But even if no financial constraint existed it must be borne in mind that a firm's overall capacity for evpan-sion is limited by managerial as well as other factors which set the ceiling to their growth. The tendency of some of our largest firms to expand their foreign than their investments faster than their domestic ones would funless they are necessitated by foreign prorective measures to safeguard British exports) work to the detriment of British national interests.

investments did not burden the

Thus it is of the upmost importance that domestic investment and especially that type which increases productivity (rather than just capacity) should be boosted to as least the level of our competitors. The Chancellor is therefore to be congratulated for his stand (in his speech to the Acquiret) against speech to the Actuaries) against any further relaxation of the exchange controls.

Yours, etc. THOMAS BALOGH, Balliol College, Oxford. November 21.

Outlawing discrimination From Mr Asquith Gibbes

Sir, It is a great pity that Lord Scarman should put himself in a position where he would seem to lend support to opponents of the new Race Relations Act in so far as it introduces the concept of positive discrimination toward Britain's

discrimination toward Britain's oppressed ethnic minorities.

Such positive discrimination, he says, is very dangerous ground (The Times, November 17).

Fortunately the argument he puts forward for this conclusion—like forward for this conclusion—like that of so many others who oppose the new Act—is false, even if you, Sir, feel that "no exception can be taken to his views" on this matter. He declares that permanent legislation in favour of black people "may put the unity of society at risk of collapse".

This purps reality on its head: if

This turns reality on its head: If such a collapse is at all imminent today it is in good measure due to the efforts of those who would increase and perpetuate discrimina-

tion against black people. To imply that such a collapse might be due to those working to end discrimina-tion is somewhat perverse. True, Lord Scarman favours, for the time being, laws to help create racial equality in our society. But at some point he wants to repeal those

laws.

This is where his argument breaks down. Who is to decide when to dump positive discrimination? When white society thinks that black people are "bappy" at that black people are happy at last? When it araciously decides to declare that they are, after all, "equal"?

The need as I see it today is not to weaken the Race Relations Act or undermine its philosophy. The need is to strengthen it where it fails to prevent racist and distributory actions. Yours faithfully, ASOUITH GIBBES.

Senior Community Relations Officer, Lewisham Council for Community Relations. 48 Lewisham High Street, SE13.

Advertising a school

From the Headmuster of Arnold

School. Blackpool Sir, I am somewhat taken aback to Sir, I am somewhat taken aback to read today (November 12) in an article by your Education Correspondent that Arnold School is one of those independent schools "known to be having serious difficulties in filling places". In fact, one main difficulty in the action

our major difficulty in the past two years—despite (or because of?) the Government's ending of the direct grant and during which we have begun to return to independence as well as continuing our move towards full coeducationbeen in adequately and fairly assess-ing the large number of boys and girls whose parents wish them to join the School . . . three candidates for each place at first form level (11 years) and a steadily increasing number of applicants for direct entry into the sixth form. The School has never been so full and so much in demand.

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and as a token of our vigorous supand as a token of our vigorous support for the campaign mounted by
Mr Tim Devlin, Director of the
Independent Schools Information
Service, which aims at telling more
people about the service offered
by good independent schools
throughout the country. The variety
and quality of that service is already
suppreciated by a great many neonle appreciated by a great many people in this part of the north west as elsewhere, and evidence of the continuing need for it has been con-firmed only this week by the declaration from the governors of our neighbouring and respected Kirkham Grammar School to set out along the path to inde-pendence—and this in an area where there are already a number

The Secretary of State, among others, should be pleased at the choice of schools available to parents in Blackpool and the Fylde. Yours faithfully. CAMERON COCHRANE, Headmuster, Arnold School, Blackpool. Lancashire.

of good independent schools and a not unsatisfactory comprehensive

provision in the maintained sector.

Defeating campaign against Concorde

From Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch and Lymington and (Conscrvative)

Sir, In 1971, with Mr Wedgwood Benn, I visited New York and Washington, in an attempt to answer the arguments of the anti-Concorde industry, which was, even then very active It was clear all then, very active. It was clear, all that time ago, that some very determined people were intent on preventing Concorde from entering commercial service to the United States. States.

American opinion is malleable: and the powers of persuasion of Madison Avenue are legendary. While the American supersonic plane was still on the drawing board, their plane builders saw Concorde as a dangerous rival. As Concorde, in service with British Airways and Air France, became a probability, the United States airlines saw Concorde as a dire threat to their transatlantic first class traffic, Both groups went to work. to their transatlantic first class traffic, Both groups went to work. As the British, French and United States Governments had signed treaties giving Concorde its United States landing rights, the plane's opponents had to find a way to stop the Concorde: so they found some politicians to do this for them. The environment became the cause—and there ensued a campaign of misleading public opinion, particularly in New York, opinion, particularly which was masterly.

The success or failure of the campaign depended on the ability of its backers to avoid having of its backers to avoid having their claims ever put to the test, and it hus taken a great deal of effort, time and money to ensure that justice was done. It has not heen for luck of trying, that the Port of New York Authority is unable to devise any restrictions on Concorde that will not also bar about half Keunedy Airport's traffic! about traffic!

The tiny handful of protesters at Kennedy Airport vesterday speaks for itself. Pacts have defeuted fantasy—but at what cost to the future of Concorde, and to the the future of Concorde, and to the rexpayers of Britain and France? The next targets for the United States aviation interests are Harrier, and the Euroneon Airbus. Sales of Harrier to Chira will be opposed—are being opnosed—by the American, whilst their own Harrier production-line is developed. The Port of New York Authority—again—is hindering a European aircraft by spurious new rules at La Guardia airport, simed at preventing Eastern Airlines from at preventing Eastern Airlines from using the Airbus there, and so discouraging Eastern from buying the

plane. Europe must protect its aviation industry. When will our Government start, with our European partners, to give this the priority it deserves?

Yours, etc, ROBERT ADLEY, British Chairman, British French Parliamentary Concorde Group, House of Commons. November 23.

Taxing derelict land

From Professor Michael Chisholin Sir. The call by Mr Hugh Rossi MP for a * Domesday book " on dere-lict laud owned by councils and nationalized industries should not obscure the possibility that considerable amounts of privately owned land may also lie unused in our cities. It would be most unfor-tunate if this important issue became a political matter from the

very beginning. More important, we might to ask ourselves why it is that large areas of potentially usable land remain derelict. The reason probably lies in the somewhat curious arrangements we make for levving rates, such that derelict and unused land

is currently exempt A relatively small reform of the existing system would permit rates to be charged on a site value basis. If this were cone, and were navnble by local authorities and nationalized industries as well as by private industries as well as by private individuals, there would be a sub-stantial incentive to bring derelict

land into use. Clearly there are situations in which it is necessary to keep land out of use pending imminent redevelopment. In these cases, the site value rate rould be waived by an explicit decision of the planning committee of the relevant local authority; such waiver should only be valid for a fixed term of years. perhaps three.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL CHISHOLM, Professor of Geography Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, Downing Place, Cambridge. November 23.

Representative juries

From Mr J. R. Fowling Sir. The 12 members of the only jury upon which I have served were all drawn from this street of 18 Is this a record? Yours faithfully, J. R. FOWLING.

Almond Avenue. Ickenham. Middlesex. November 17.

Questioning the preacher From the Reverend F. G. Hunter

Sir, Clearly Mr F. T. Hare (November 22) lives on the wrong side of the Pennines. In three incumbencies in Yorkshire during the last twelve and a half years I have encouraged such interchange between preacher and congregation as Mr Hure advocates. And I have a number of friends who do the same. I would recommend that preachers contemplating such action should take the plunge. The benefits in communication and in mutual stimulation are great, F. G. HUNTER,

Heslington Church. November 22,

York.

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in their craft.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

Cast off but not cast down

Handily timed for inclusion in a page about knitting come two books. Tre first is by the indefatigable Patricia Roberts, who is now wholesaling a range of her ideas as well as producing some of the most attractive knits in the country for you to have a click at yourself Called with admirable sinplicity, Knitting Patterns, which is after all what they are, the newest book is published by Macdonald and Jane's price £5.95, and is light years away from the traditional presentation of worthy toil for the family. The designs are delicious, the colours innovative and the range covers potential punk (well, just drop a few stitches and pin up the gap) to the most elegant and county—not usually the same thing, may I add—shapes. If even the seductive pix and lucid copy cannot get you together with knitting, then Patricia has her own shop at 60 Kinnerton Street, London, SW1 (01-235 4742).

The second book is not ostensibly about knitting at all, and worse, it has a title with all the echoes of fashionbandwaggoning. Nevertheless, I found A Man's Book, edited by Jane Waller—
put out from the most enchanting address, The Old Piano Factory, by Duckworth, and costing again £5.95 (publishers seem to be very unoriginal)—one of the most delicious reads of the year. Of course, I am basically a snipper lover, which leads me to prefer Golden Highlights from The Ring to all the whole of the tout ensemble, as they used to say, but even so, snippets do not come much more fun than from

the blue pencil of editor Miss Waller.

The charm starts fast. The book is very pretty—too pretty for a man—but then, as Cleo Laine sang at the Royal Variety Performance on Monday night, wen can be beautiful too: the layout men can be beautiful too; the layout, by Alphabet and Image of Sherburne, Dorset only goes to show how right craftsmen are to get out of the smoke and draw inspiration from their surroundings. And the contents are such fun. The principal events of 1926 list the death of Emile Coue, whose immortal dictum of "every day in every way I am becoming better and better" must have helped so many who were actually feeling perfectly ghastly or behaving so anyway. Godfrey Winn did not believe in long engagements presumably in an era when divorce was less simple, the less you knew about each other the better, since you would be stuck with trying to make a

Not surprisingly, the ducky little Prince of Wales features madly. An unsigned piece about in His Own Home unsigned piece about in his Own home is illustrated with snaps of HRH looking ominously boyish and enchanting, but the text does not mention one of his most interesting fashion bints, recorded in his "Family Album", which is that the way to break in your busby, or bearskin, is to wear it in your leisure moments. He did so, apparently, when relaxing at Fort

Belvedere. Of course what I have always wanted to know is, what else was he

But back to the knitting. Miss Waller was not the editor of A Stitch in Time for nothing. A Man's Book is crammed with knitting patterns, all spelled out, and ranging from golf stockings, balaclava helmets, seaman's jerseys (well, we had a sailor king) to unisex bathing suits and some cosy comforters for the mained, I mean, really, sort of post-operational stuff. I liked best the knee cover, in tasteful tib and stocking stitch, but what hap-

pened when you got better and tried to straighten your leg?

Most importantly of all, the book gives the address of the lady who will let you know how to knit That Royal Pullover, the famous, baggy lozenge patterned number immortalized by the Prince of Wales. All the pictures are well chosen, including a sweet one of king George VI on a stout cob with little Princess Elizabeth on an equally dependable pony beside him. For modern taste there might be a slight abundance of martingales, but then who would want royalty to be bolted with? And anyway, it is such a relief to see Lilliber's jodhpurs a wee bit on the short side. As we mothers know, little girls' legs do grow like asparagus.

Fortunately for those to whom the admonition to kt 1, pl 1, wl fwd is about as intelligible as the Dead Sea Scrolk, there are plenty of people around who will knot things for you. Moreover they make to a standard which combines two essentials of modern fashion (and modern cookery).

reaching a very high level of proficiency

One such business is Working with Wool, which operates from The Cedars. Hursthourne Tarrant, Andover, Hants (telephone Hurstbourne Tarrant 300) The last time I mentioned them half Britain seemed to be knitted to their rugged strand so I have no hesitation in recommending them again. They will not knit up any pattern you choose to not knit up day pattern you choose to send them, pointing out with an engaging frankness that those to whom hand-knitting instructions are about as intelligible... etc, are equally likely to misunderstand the nature, quantity, texture and probably colour, of the yarn required, and that receiving three and a half balls of wool and what appears to be a length of paravelled appears to be a length of unravelled vest with instruction to form said materials into a chic poncho is not

Textly frightfully commercial.
On the other hand, Working with Wool has a catalogue of regular designs which, far from being oure, are largely the most popular and successful ideas put out by the big spinners, Patons in particular. The caralogue however is only half the story since they have at least 20 further (and rather more highleast 30 further (and rather more high-style) designs which you can see and buy as well as order if you go over to Horstbourne Tarrant—ring for an appointment first. Handily for Christ-mas, they also have those delicious shooting socks and woolly hats and mitts without which no grouse-moor image is complete.

Another firm which will knit up to order is Carole Abbasi at 42 Chiltern Street, London, W1, rel 01-486 2712. She stock a range of knits and accessories. Things can be ordered by post. Animal Rainbow is a new shop at 192 Fulham Road, SW7 (01-352 5368). The designer is Diana Leslie, who started in New York. The stuff is lovely, flattering and good value.





Above: Sarah Dallas graduated from the Royal College Above: Sarah Dallas graduated from the Royal College of Art last year, having spent three years at Middlesex Polytechnic, where her work was commended on this page. This cream cotton/rayon skirt costs £90 and the lacy vest £20. In between producing her wholesale range she lectures at St Martin's. Sarah's address is 20 Water Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire, her telephone (from London) 0756 3242. We think she is a talent worth watching, as do Parkers of Brook Street Will who elements the label all the street with the street wi Brook Street, WI, who already stock her clothes.

for The readers to make for themselves. Not for beginners. says Yvonne Stewart, what with her husband Angus makes some of the most attractive men's and now ? women's knits. This heavy duty coat takes 22 balls of Patons Pablo yarn, 55 per cent Courtelle, 45 per cent wool, an ideal mixture for wear and shape retention. There is quite a good range of colours in browns, greys, hives and reds precominant. The thick cable design goest right over the shoulder from hack to front, and it is the lack of any visible shoulder-seam which makes the coat not quite the thing for those who have so far progressed bottle cover. If you would like to have the pattern, please, send a stamped addressed envelope to: Courtelle Marketing (Ref. KT), Courtailds Ltd., Celonese House, 22 Hanover Square, London W1A 18S.

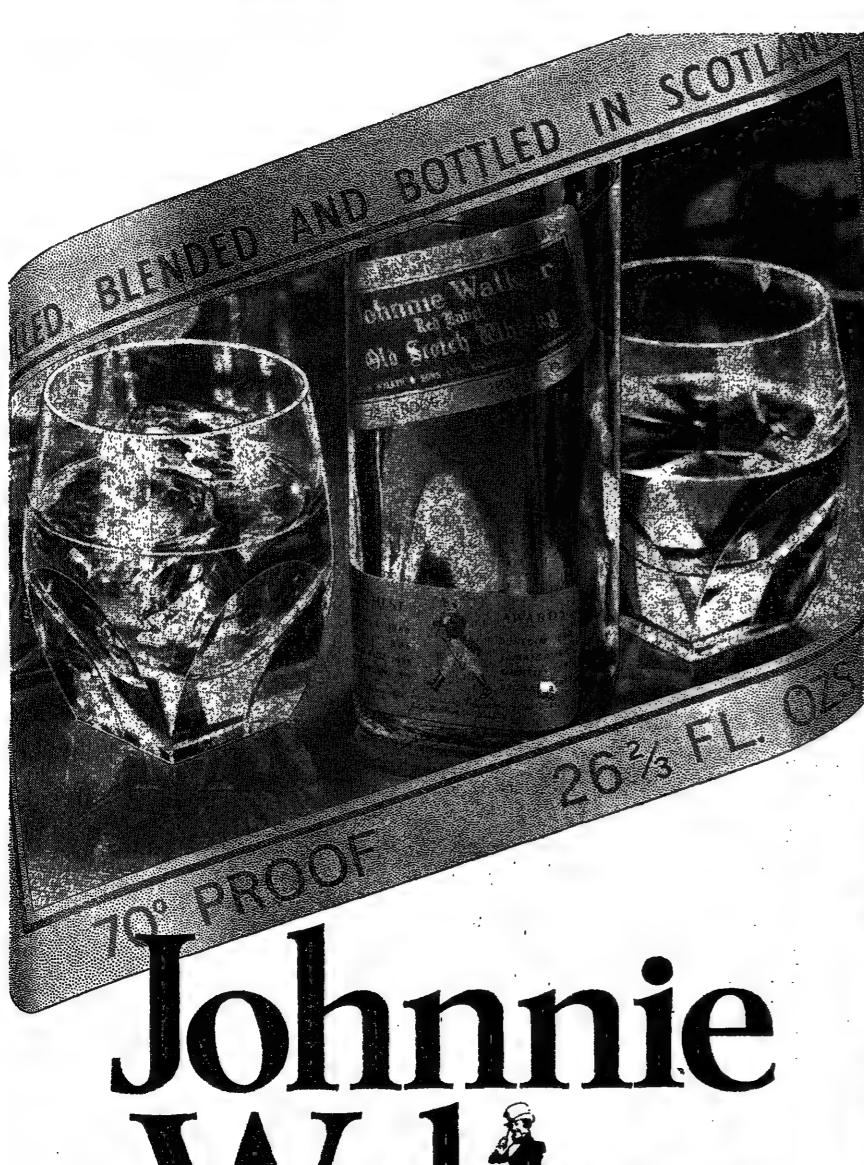
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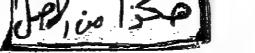
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Jeremy Potter

Intrigues galore, plenty of period glitter. and scarcely a duli moment' Guardian.

Constable



Mrs John Dugdele, Mr William Heseltine and Lieutenant Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance. The Regent Hall Salvation Army Band played selections of music in the Forecourt of Buckingham Palace today as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. CLARENCE HOUSE

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CIRCULAR

November 23: Queen Klimberh the Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal College of Music, of which Her Majesty is Presi-dent and presented Certificates to Fellows and awards to the

The Hon Mrs John Mulholland and Captain Alastair Aird were in

KENSINGTON PALACE November 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was garet, toluness of Showola, was present this afternoon at the Guin-ness Trust Fund-raising Luncheou at Apsley House. The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 23: Mr S. J. G.
Cambridge was received in
audience by The Queen this
morning and kissed hands upon
his appointment as Her Majesty's
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotendary at Kuwais.
His Excellency Senor Dr Manuel
Arturo Calderón was received in
audience by The Queen and
presented the Lemens of Recall
of his predecessor and his own
Letters of Credence as Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
from the Republic of El Salvador
to the Court of St James's.
His Excellency was accomparied
by the following members of the
Embassy, who had the honour of
being presented to Her Majesty:
Señor Oscar Manuel GuiférezRosales (First Secretary), Señocita
Ligla Helema Segovia (Attaché)
and Señor Rolando Mena-Guerrero
(Artaché). KENSINGTON PALACE November 23: Princes Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant of the Women's Royal Air Force, this afternoon visited the WRAF Directorate at Adastral House, Theobalds Road.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton

YORK HOUSE November 23: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of the University of Surrey, this evening attended a Reception at the Army & Navy Club for industrialists connected with the University.

(Attaché). Señora de Calderón had the bonour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Curtis Keeble (Deputy
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs), who had the honour of
being received by Her Majesty,
was present and the Gentlemen
of the Household in Waiting were Lieutenant-Commander Richard Lieutemant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance, The Duchess of Kest, Honorary Colonel, Yorkahire Volunteers, this morning received Major-General R. M. Somerville on relinquishing his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Battalion and Major-General D. E. Islee on assuming this appoint.

was present and the Gendemen of the Household in Waining were in attendance.

Sir Peter Baldwin (Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty presented him with The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry.

The Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Lords, to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

Mr James Risk had the honour of being received by Her Majesty when The Queen invested him with the Insignia of an Honorary Colomel in Christian Association of Great Britain, this afternoon visited the World Christian Association of Great Britain, this afternoon visited the WCA Christmas Fair at the Europa Hotel, London.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance. November 23: Princess Alexandra, Vice-Patron of the Young Women's Christian. Association of Great Britain, this afternoon visited the YWCA Christmas Fair at the Europa Hotel, London.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance. Commander of the Royal Victorian Corder.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended a reception given by the 3rd Bastalion The Royal Green Jacketa (43 and 52, King's Royal Rifle Corps, Rifle Brigade) in the Guard Room at St James's Palace.

The Queen was received upon arrival by the Colonel Commandant, 3rd Battalion, and Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces (General Str Edwin Bramall) and the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion (Lieutenaute-Colonel C. C. Dunphie).

Brian Ledingham gave birth

Lady Layrock, Lady Kent, Lady Laura Elliot and Mrs James Filmer Wilson regret they were unable to attend the funeral service for Colonel Peter Layrock yesterday. A memorial service for John Fowler will be held today at noon at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, W1.

Funeral service

marriages Mr J. N. Heneage and Miss R. G. Wilkinson The engagement is announced The engagement is amounced between James, only son of the late Colonel N. F. Heneage, OBE, DL, and Mrs N. F. Heneage, of 114 Sloane Street, London, SW1, and Roberta, youngest daughter of Sir Martin and Lady Wilkinson, of Kixes, Sharpthorne, Sussex.

mod Miss A. J. F. Crostcher
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, son of Mr and
Mrs T. G. H. Holman, of Hoathly,
Ashes Lane, Hadlow, Kent, and
Amanda, daughter of Mr R. R.
Croucher, of Grosvetor Lodge,
Grosvetor Road, London W1, and
Mrs C. Lush, British Embass,

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs G. E. M. Trimick, of Lamby drock, Bodmin, and Katrina, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. George, of Bodmin, Cornwall.

Forthcoming

Mr J. Usborne and Miss M. Ross The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Usborne, of Wilding Farm House, Chailey, Susser, and Marilyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hector Ross, of 6103 Belvedere Road, SW, Calgary, Canada.

Marriage

Mr H. M. Harrod and Miss T. O. Ledger
The marriage took place on November 23 in London between Mr Henry Mark Harrod, elder son of Sir Roy and Lady Harrod, of The Old Rectory, Holt, Norfolk, and Miss Tanya Olivia Ledger, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Kingsmill Ledger, of The Weald, Berchworth, Surrey. Berchworth, Surrey.

Birthdays today Mr Lynn Chadwick, 63; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, 57; Sir Charles Hallinan, 82; Professor Sir Clans Moser, 55; Miss Cath-leen Nesbitt, 89; Mr Herbert Succiffe, 83; Sir George Wilson,

Silver Rose Ball The Silver Rose Ball, in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund, was held at the Inter-confinental Hotel yesterday evening. The Countess of Buckinghamstrie. Hotel yesterday evening. The Countess of Buckinghamsbire, chairman of the Ladies London Appeals Committee for Leukasmia, Lady Hobart, chairman of the Silver Rose Ball, Dr G. Newns, chairman of the Leukasmia Research Fund, and Dr Govdon Pillar, director for the United Kingdom of the Leukasmia Research Fund, received the guests.

Colonel P. Laycock

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The funeral service for Colonel

Peter Laycock took place at All

Saints', Sutton Courtenzy, Berkshire, yesterday, The Rev Frederick Denman officiated. Among
those present were:

Mrs Litycock (videe') Lady Caroline
Smart (stopdoughter), Mr James Filmer
Wisson (arrpson), Mr and Mrs Duncas
Davidson and Mr smat the Hon Mrs
Hannar Marpoon), Mr and Mrs Duncas

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Mr and Mrs Benjamin Laycock, Mr
and Mrs Benjamin Laycock, Mr
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Royal College of Nursing
A luncheon was held at the Royal
College of Nursing yesterday, at
which newly created fellows and
honorary fellows were the guests
of honour. Miss Rirlys M. Rees,
president, presided, and other
guests included:
Dame Whatrod Presided, Stale, Scot-Latest wills

Lattest With Estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):
Deacon, Mrs Grace Dorothy, of Woking
Hankey, Major Thomas Sydney D'Arcy, of Chelsea ... £110,048
Littler, Mrs Annie Leonora, of Westminster, widow of Primos Westminster, widow of Primos Littler, the impresario ... £629,796
Small, Mr Gordon Saswart, of Chipperham ... £124,670

£400,000 appeal to pay for games athletes

A £400,000 appeal is being launched by Bruish industrial-ists to pay for the travel, clothing and administrative costs of the 550 United Kingdom competitors and team officials who will be attending next year's Commonwealth Games in Edmonron, Canada. Gemes in Edmonron, Canada. The United Kingdom Joint Appeal Committee, which had its inaugural meeting last night is composed largely of representatives of leading British companies. Mr Barrie Heath, chairman of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, is the committee chairman, and other members include the chaief executives of such firms such as Vickers, Beecham Products, Rolls-Royce Beecham Products, Rolls-Royce and Barclays Bank.

Correction The name of Mr I. A. Scott-Emuskpor, Gray's Inn, was given incorrectly as I. A. Sc-Emeukpor in the calls to the Bar yesterday.

Novel on British raj wins Booker Prize

whose first book was rejected by 17 publishers

Top award for fiction goes to 'unfashionable' author

important award for fiction, has been given this year to Paul Scott for his novel Surging On.

Philip Larkin, the chairman of the judges, at a dinner in London last night. Mr Scott is in Otla-homa, recovering from an opera-tion. His wife accepted on his behalf the cheque for £5,000 and

homa, recovering from an operation. His wife accepted on his behalf the cheque for £5.000 and a leather-bound copy of his book. Paul Scott is 57, His previous four novels about the British in India known as the Rai Quarret were well reviewed and adunted. But bitherto he has been, in his own words, an unfashionable author. He was born in Palmers Green, north London, and now lives in Hampstead. He was the second son of a family of commercial artists with little money. His parents, rather improbably, espected him to become an accountant. In 1943 he joined the Army and became an NCO in intelligence, baving told the recruiting officer that he wanted to be a poet, and accordingly been rejected as a potential officer. Eventually he was sent to India as an officer cadet, and stayed there for three years, travelling widely. He has been back three times since, and has studied every aspect of Indian life, literature and history for 30. years.

After the war he half fulfilled his parents' wish, and spent five years, largely ushappily, as company secretary of an alting publishing house. At the same time he started to write novels, and in 1949 finished his first, which was rejected by 17 publishers. He sayswriters should have their failures early in their careers: "It sorts out whose with stanning." He abandoned accountancy, and joined a literary agenty, which he enjoyed. He left in 1960 because he could no longer sustain the strain of being an agent and supporting a successful writing gener.

Since chen he has devoted him-

Since then he has devoted him-self entirely to writing fiction and

Mr R. J. Streeton, Assistant Under-Secretary of. State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was bost at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower hotel yesterday in honour of M Jeroma Ninngumburanye, Ambassador of Burundi.

Angio-Ivory Coast Society
Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of
honour at a luncheon given by
the Angio-Ivory Coast Society at
the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr
M. R. Uniell-Hamilton, chairman,

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor

PRESENT WE'RE:

Se Officers IngleDaid (decests insight principal), the Bishop of London (twester), Ser John Russell (registrary); Ser John Howard' (brunsher); Ser John Howard' (brunsher); Ser John Howard' (brunsher); Ser Arthur Driver, Ser Res Niven, Ser Armer Mazil, Str Learnace Lindé, Ser Locks Gluckswin, Sir Boandard Sciciuma and Mr A. Codin Cole (Officer of cruns Addendinal).

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Paul Scott: His first im-

reviewing books for The Times, The Times Literary Supplement, and Country Life. Until his operation he was doing a stint teaching English literature at Tulsa University.

Lucy and Tusker Smalley, the central characters of Stoping On, made a brief appearance during the Raj Quartet in the crowd

Philip Larkin said yesterday of the winsing novel: "Of all the books I read, Staping On was, simply, the most moving. Much of it is comedy, the squabbles of a retired ex-army couple in the new India, but this broadens into a touching portrait of the whole lives of Tusker Smalley, pigheaded and devious, and his fentasizing, film-loving wife, Lucy. "Pael Score brings his two "Pael Scott brings his two
main themes to triumphant resolution: the end of an empire, and
the end of a long inarticulare love
that is as poignant as it is convincing. Suging On covers only a few
months, but it carries the emo-

lino's restaurant yesterday in bonour of Mr P. Damdin, Mongo-lian Minister of Food and Light Industry. Mr John N. Cooper pre-sided and the Mongolian Ambassa-dor and Mr M. W. Ponsonby were

Lunchtime Comment Cleb Mr William Whitelaw, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club at the Comnaught Rooms yesterday. Mr Alick Whittle, chairman,

Receptions

Ministry of Defence

The United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff were hosts at a macheou held as Admiralty-Bouse yesterdey in hostour of General Ro. Chaleman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Republic of Korea, Among those present were:

The Korean Ambassador, Manshal of the RAF Str. Ned Comeron, Admiral Str. Tarence Lavin, Ganeral Str. Hugh Beach, Air Marshal P. D. G. Terry, Major-General Kim. Colonal Cao. Colonal Cab. Visc. Admiral A. S. Merlon, Mr. H. A. H. Cortzzal, Mr. M. E. Outhins, Ict L. Salthouse and Brigadier R. K. Guy. Speaker The Speaker gave a reception in Speaker's House yesterday to celebrate, with the chairman and officers of the all-party Parliaments and the One World Government and the One World Trust, the thirtieth anniversary of the group's foundation. Members of both Houses of Perliament and others associated with the Parliamentary Group for World Government and the One World Trust also strended.

High Court Journalists' Association
The anomal dinner of the High
Court Journalists' Association was
held at the Law Society last night.
Mr John B. Crosby, cheimman,
presided, and the principal
speakers were Sir George Baker,
president of the Pamily Division,
and Mr Anthony Walton, QC.
Among those present were:
Lord Justice Ornived, Lord Justice
Lord Pastice Ornived, Lord Justice
Mr Justice Ornived Chipp, Mr
David Lameson, Mr Peter Eastweed and
Mr. John Grand,

the Brighton Road ".

The seventeenth century, less fashionable than the mineteenth, was represented by a fine portrait of Mary of Modena by Simon Verelst. which went to Baskett and Day at 28,800 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000).

Sotheby's sale of musical mann-

scripts saw strong competition for

zare autograph pieces by famous

composers. It totalled £92,440,

with 2 per cent unsold. A 101-page Schumann manuscript of a

in it.

For all the meticulous historical detail of his books, Paul Scott is the dirst to say that he is wo scholar. "I like the oblique questions posed by novelists. It is like being a magple. I pick up things when they glitter."

His response to the 55,000 prize was characteristic: unflustered but a little wary. "I shall be giving the money to my favourite charity: myself. It will immediately be plougher back into the business of being a self-employed writer." yesterday evening to celebrate at exchange agreement between Reading University and the A. Mickiewick University in Poland. The guests of honour were Professor B. Miskiewicz (Rector of the A. Miskiewicz (Rector of fessor B. Miskiewicz (Rector of the A. Mickiewicz University), Professor S. Kozarski (pro-rector) and Professor J. Fistak (director, institute of English). Others present included Mr E. Bryll and Mr Jarominski (Polish Enbassy), heads of departments at Reading University and representatives of the British Council.

Stationers and Newspaper Makers Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the principal guests at a livery dinner given by the Master of the Stationers and Newspaper Makers' Company, Mr B. Glanvill Benn and the Wardens, Mr Brian T. Coulton and Mr Wilfrid B. Hodgeon, at Stationers' Hall yesterday. Among the other guests

Cooks' Company
The minual livery dinner of the Cooks' Company for the Mercers', Masons' and Broderers' companies was held at Innholders' Hall last night. The Master, Mr Colin Cleugh, proposed the toast of the associated companies, to which the Master of the Mercars' Company, Air Vice-Marshal C. M. Clementi, replied. Other speakers were Lord Chalfout, Mr Alderman Alan Traill, Mr C. J. Algar, Mr M. H. Rowell and Mr W. A. Craddock.

Eachine Tool Trades Associatio The annual dinner of the Machine Tool Trades Association was held at Grosvenor House last night. Mr W. R. Vaughan was in the chair and the principal guest and speaker was Mr John Meshven, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry.

Reed's School The 164th annual dinner of Reed's School was held last night at Grocers' Hall under the presidency of Mr Maurice Buxton. The other speakers were Mr Cedric Barnett, chairman of the governors, and Mr Rodney Exton, headmaster. Among those present were:

Mere : Annual trees present were : Air Mereket Sir Denis and Lady Crowby-Million the Mayor and Mayor els of Elmbridge and the Mayter of the Groces' Company and Mrs John Dymoks.

English horse portrait sold for £54,000 mann for a busy coaching scene fantasie for plano and orchestra by James Pollard dated 1826, made £30,000 (estimated £35,000 "The Elephant and Castle on the Brighton Road". The seventeenth century, less fashionable than the nineteenth, was represented by a fine portrait single page autograph letter from Cluck to Frans Kruthoffer in Verelst. which went to Baskett and Day at £8,800 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000), to Schneider. The worldwide corporation The worldwide corporation

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
The continuing appeal of horse
portraiture was underlined at
Sotheby's yesterday when a bay
racehorse, "Shiff", depicted by
Ben Marshall, was sold for
150,000 (estimate 130,000 to
150,000). Skiff was bred by the
Duke of Grafton in 1821 and is
shown held by a groom and
accompanied by his owner, Mr
John Howe, in 1829.
Sotheby's sale of English pictures made £230,440, with 7 per
cent unsold. The other big price
of the sale was £24,000 (estimate
£20,000 to £25,000) paid by Acker-

Memorial trust

The trustees of the Patrick Planket Memoriai Trust would like to thank all his friends and relato mank all his treeds and rea-tives who have already contributed so generously. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Build-ings has agreed to administer the scholarship and Sir Hugh Casson, PRA, has agreed to design the Pavilion in the Valley Gardens, Windsor Great Park. 25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday November 22, 1952.
As recent messages from many parts of the world have shown the search for transium is now intensive and far flung. It is proceeding in many remote and difficult regions as for example in the Northern Territory of Australia which climatically could scarcely be a more unpleasant area tralia which climatically could starcely be a more unpleasant area for prospecting and mining, and in northern and central Canada where only this week another rush of prospects—this time to Dion Lake—has been reported. That at this stage the remoter areas should be combed is natural. But so far the search has had a pecnilar history.

The Prince of Wales visits Lloyd's

There is no precedent for the strange position that mose when the discovery of the practical application of nuclear energy abruptly transmuted a well-known metal from dross into something of great value; . . . For many years before the war uranium had been regarded primarily as a metal which merely existed in conjunction with radium—three almost useless tons of it to every gram of its precious companion. Less than 300 tons of uranium was used annually, though not in the form of the pure metal, by laboratories for experiment and by pottery factories for decoration. When atomic power came the main existing sources of radium were thus already clearly stamped as immediate sources of uranium. diate sources of uranium.

est stimulated by the Lovell col-

lection of medals at Sotheby's

brought a total of £35,298 for the

second day's sale from the col-lection; again there were no un-

Guild, Order of St John, Grosvenor Crescent, 11.20.
The Duke of Kent visits International Computers factory, West Gorton, 11.30; opens Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution's home, Eccles, 3.30; delivers annual lecture to Institute of Directors at dimer, Midland Hotel, Manchester, 7.25.
The Duchess of Kent, patron. Midland Horel, Manchesper, 7.25. The Duchess of Kent, patron, Leeds International Planoforte Competition, artends opening day of Leeds National Musicians Platform, Leeds University, 7.05. Princess Alexandra opens District General Hospital, Barusley, 12; and the Ryegate Centre for assessment and care of handicapped children, Sheffield, 2.35; attends a jubilee youth evening in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, Ossett Town Hall, West Yorkshire, 7.50. Memorial services: Sir Michael Balcon, St Martin-the-Fields, 12; Mer John Fowler, St George's, Hanover Square, 12; Mr Vincent Mulchrone, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 12.

OBITUARY

SIR WINTRINGHAM STABLE Former High Court Judge

Warburg,

Sir Wintringham Stable, PC, MC, a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division from 1938 to 1968 died yesterday at the age His name was well known to

Caroline Moorehead writes: Paul Scott has been writing movels for more than 30 years, sober, intricate, wry books that have made him warm fans but given him far too little public acclaim. The 1977 Booker Prize, the first important literary prize he has won, should serve to introduce him to move readers, and dispel for ever the deed for critics to keep repearing that he is an excellent, entertaining and much neglected writer. the public because some of the trials over which he presided were widely reported. Whether summing up to juries, or delivering judgment, his robust opinions and outspoked com-ments on matters of public concern were so phrased that his rational and common-sense writer.

He is a natural story teller, and the technical skill of a master builder has gone into what is an elaborate jigsaw of interlocking events and impressions. Staying On will be his last word on the subject. "I have finished with India for ever", he says. "It just needed some little valedictory thing." treatment of them—sometimes touched with the rarer quality of wisdom-readily appealed to the general sentiment. He was gifted with "the common touch". In the normal run of work he was a kind courteous, humane and cheerful judge, thing."

He was a literary sgent for many years, a profession well suited to a character friends describe as sympathetic and shrewd. but his displeasure was quickly stirred against those who had deliberately flouted the law or who had wilfully caused un-necessary suffering. If his sym-pathy was aroused he might He is pensive and retring, a wor rior with a meloncholic air and considerable subdued charm; he is well liked by all who know sometimes be over-emphatic in expressing it.

worker, with a perfectionist's dedication to long hours and mivarying routine. He has for many years seldom left the Hampstead house where he lives with his wife, preferring to contemplate inwardly the turbulent world be describes, rather than participate in it. Wintringham Norton Stable, Wintringham Norton Stable, son of Daniel Wintringham Stable, was born on March 19, 1888, and was educated at Winchesterf and at Christ Church, Oxford, where he took honours in Modern Ristory in 1910. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1913. On the surbreak of war in 1914 he outbreak of war in 1914 he joined the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, and later served with the 25th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, in which gained his company, and saw service in France, Egypt and Palestine, was mentioned dispatches and was awarded the MC.

On resuming his practice at the Bar after that war, he joined the North Wales Circuit. It was, bowever, his fortunate association in chambers with the late Sir Edward Hansell, then the leading authority on the law of bankruptcy, which introduced him into the best circles of a somewhat depressing, but not uninterest-ing branch of law, on which at the time of his elevation to the Bench he was regarded as the leading authority. He also appeared in a number of eccle-siastical cases. In 1935 he took

In October 1938, on the promotion to the Court of Appeal of Mr Justice (later Lord) du Parq, on the retirement of Lord Justice Greer (afterwards Lord Fairfield), the Lord Chancellor (Lord Maugham) nominated Stable to the vacant on the retirement of King's Bench judgeship. The appointment was well received and proved to be amply justified.

December, 1938, Stable tried the test action, v almost the first case heard, brought by a ratepayer and his infant daughter against Croy-don Corporation arising out of

of the IRA terrorists, to who he awarded sentences of 20

sentence that he passed on a 60-year-old man for a serious offence against a 12-year-old girl was reduced to one of five years' penal servitude by the Court of Criminal Appeal, with an intimation that, except in very exceptional circumstances, that Court considered that a sentence of five years' penal servitude was the maximum that should be imposed, thus providing the social historian of the future with a landmark in the evolution of modern ideas of the relation of crime to punishment. It should how-ever, be observed that this limitation laid down by a Lord Chief Justice (Lord Caldecore) was far from being generally acted on in the troubled years after the last war. In the diffi cult and troublesome days of the last war he was outspoken at the trials of black market



Warburg, a director, and camelot Press Limited, were acquitted of a charge of publishing an obscene libel in respect of a novel entitled The Philanderer, and were discharged. The Judge, in his summing up, had told the jury that their verdict would have a great hearing on where the great bearing on where the line was to be drawn between liberty and licence. He referred to the test laid down in 1868, of what was obscene, but added that the book had to be judged on today's standards. At a trial which began at Nottingham Assizes of three men on Monday. November 23, 1959, Stable told the jury at the outser that he could not sit later on the following Wednesday than 1 psi. He began summing up on the morning of that day and, in the events which bappened, the foreman of the jury told the judge at 12.15 pm that they would need more than three-quarters of an account of the part o hour to reach a verdict. The London that evening, and to have adjourned summing up till Thursday, or, having star-ted it on Wetdnesday, could have broken off and completed it the following day. Instead, he decided to take a later train and finished summing up. The and finished summing up. The jury retired at 12.20 pm and returned at 2.20 pm to ask for gaidance on two questions Some fifteen minutes later the judge had the jury brought back into Court and told them that unless they returned a verdict within 10 minutes they would be kept minutes they would be kept together all night. In six minutes they returned a verdict against the accused. The Court of Criminal Appeal quashed the convictions, it to

be a cardinal principle pe a cardinal principle of our criminal law that a jury should deliberate in freedom and should be free to take such time as they felt they needed unintimidated by any threat.

The day after Stable's return from London—November 26, 1959—a cameraman took a

photograph of the judge as he was leaving the essize court at Nottingham. The man was later charged at Nottingham magisdon Corporation arising out of an outbreak of typhoid fever at Croydon in 1937. Many other cases depended on the result. The corporation did not appeal against the decision.

Shortly after his appointment it fall to him to try some of the IRA terrorists, to who four persons, when one of the men was found guilty of the

regards crimes of violence and crooks of all kinds, he was no sentimentalist; his sentences in serious cases were not lenient, but they did not evoke public criticism.

In 1942 however, a severe capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital murder of a Worthing bank clerk (Mr. John Henry bull); the two other men were found guilty of non-capital guilty of non-capi after the fact by assisting one of the men to try to escape. Inplacing her on probation the judge told her that he did not believe that she had the slightest street for the bank, nor did he believe that when she started for Portsmouth she knew that the bank guard had been murdered, but found that out afterwards.

Stable had served as chairman of Quarter Sessions for Shropshire and Merioneth, as Chancellor of the Diocese of Portsmouth, and as a member-Portsmouth, and as a member-of the Legal Board of the Church Assembly. He was a keen horseman and a member of the Pegasus Club, and he used to ride in the Bar points. to-point. Among his other recreations was the breeding and training of spaniels and labradors.

The late judge married in 1916, Lucie Baden, daugher of the late F. F. Freeman, and a widow of Richard Bayly Muroffenders,
A case of importance to authors, to the community in general and to adolescents, was tried by Stable in 1954 when Martin Secker and Warburg Limited, publishers, Mr F. J. the late F. F. Freeling, Mur's widow of Richard Bayly Mur's phy, and he leaves two sons, one of whom is Mr Owen Stable, QC, a Recorder of the Crown Court, Lady Stable died in 1976.

DR ROBERT SMIT

Dr Robert van Schalkwijk the age of 37, was appointed, smit, the South African parliamentary candidate who was bound shot dead yesterday was one of the country's foremost management of the sage of 37, was appointed, to represent South Africa age of 37, was appointed, to represent South Smit, the South African parliamentary candidate who was found shot dead yesterday was one of the country's foremost financial academics and was strongly tipped as a future Fin ance Minister.

At the age of 44 he had an outstanding record of academic and business achievement behind him. From school he went to Stellenbosch where he grad-uated in commerce. He went to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar where he married his wife, Cora-Jeanne, who was found dead with him—and graduated as B.Litt. On his return to South Africa he took a doctorate in commerce at Steldenbosch.

Ten years ago he became South Africa's youngest Deputy Secretary of Finance, and, at

MR REG PERKS Mr Reg Perks, the former Worcestershire captain and England fast bowler, died on November 22 at the age of 66. He played for Worcestershire for 27 years and in 1955 became the county's first professional captain. He took over 100 wickets in a season 16 times gaining a total of 2,233 wickets. His first was that of Jack Hobbs. Perks played in two Tests just before the War, one

ington. Last year he was appointed

Managing Director of Sanlam International, one of South Africa's major and afrikaner-oriented financial and insurance institutions.

He had been selected as a

Parliamentary candidate for the Ruling National Party and was being considered as a successor to Dr Owen Horwood, the Fin-ance Minister. Politically he was regarded as an "Inter-nationalist", one of the few Afrikaners who viewed South Africa's situation from a broader spectrum than its domestic situation.

Mr Herman Goult, editor of the Coprus Mail for the last 19 years, died in Nicosia on November 16 at the age of 70. He went to the Far East before the Second World War and carried on his career in Manila then on the Straits Times, Singapore. He was taken prisoner when Singapore fell to the Japanese forces in

MR HERMAN GOULT

1942. He was put to work on the Burma railway. After the war he represented

against South Africa and the other against the West Indies. The Times in Cyprus.

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Science report

Solar system: A second Sun?

common, and it is even possible to speculate that the companion star might be a black hole. The exist-ence of black holes has yet to be confirmed, so the latter

There may be two stars in our foliar system: the Sun and a joint companion star orbiting it. Indirect evidence supporting the presence of such a companion star has been reported by Professor E. R. Harrison, of Massachuserts University. The evidence, which is far from conclusive, comes from observations on rotating stars called pulsars. They give out the mass and distance of the provides a relationship between provides a relationship between the mass as the Sun, has an orbiting companion star. The magnitude of the acceleration can be calculated, and that the sun has an orbiting companion star. The magnitude of the acceleration can be calculated, and there are some since the distance of the proposed star. Assuming a star of the small spinning stars of incredible density. As time goes on the pulsars slow down and spin less slow down the distance from the Earth to the slow of the solar system is accelerating towards the oddly behaved pulsars, and one explanation for the society spin can be calculated, and that the Sun has an orbiting companion star.

The magnitude of the acceleration is that the Sun has an orbiting companion of the solar system is accelerating towards the oddly behaved pulsars, and one explanation for the accelerating towards the oddly behaved pulsars, and one explanation for the solar system is accelerating towards the oddly behaved pulsars, and one explanation for the solar system is accelerating towards the oddly behaved pulsars, small spinning stars of incremble density. As time goes on the pulsars slow down and spin less rapidly and the rate of slowing also decreases. Accurate observa-tions on pulsars have allowed this rate of slowing to be measured, and there are some anomalous orsults. known star.
Extremely faint stars are quite results.

Five of the pulsars seem hardly robe losing speed at all; in fact one is apparently increasing it, and these five pulsars are all concentrated in one region of the sky.

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To quote Professor Harrison:

"Has the Sun a companion star?

I find it hard to believe that a star so close can exist and yet remain undiscovered. On the other hand, pulsar observations of extraordinary precision imply that it might exist, and therefore a search for a companion star is perhaps worth undertaking."

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Register of Shipping to be admitted as honorary members and to lunch with members of the general committee, 12.45; as president, attends 150th anniversary of Printers' Charlable Corporation, Connaught Rooms, 6.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of London University, attends foundation day celebrations, Senate House, 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, President of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, attends sumual mee-ing, RAC Club, Pall Mall, 12.30. Princest Africe Duchess of Glouces-ter attends meeting of Ladies

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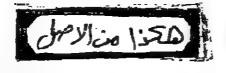
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Post Office union leader urges companies to cut more prices

Those employers said to be falling over backwards to give substantial wage increases" should listen to the Confederation of British Industry on wage policy and concentrate on making price reductions Mr Toni Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers and a member of the TUC General Council, said in London

This support for the CBI's below-10 per cent wage policy for phase three came when Mr Jackson spoke at the opening of a two-day conference on "Price Policy and the Role of the Price Commission", organized by the Financial Times.

"That way we all benefit and, who knows, firms may be come more competitive and sell more", he said. "That way on the major companies. unemployment may decrease The trouble was that while trade unionists had restrained pay demands, profits had increased and investment was still sluggish. "There has to be a

Mr Jackson added.
Mr Charles Williams, chalrman of the Price Commission, soid he believed all the members of the commission now felt that toeir new powers should be used to compel companies if necessary to become more efficient. He stressed the long-term prospect for the commission, which within 10 years would be writing some 400 to

He empnasized the differences between the Monopolies and bound more closely to a legal process that allowed less for commercial judgment -and the more flexible remit of the Price Commission. Later wever, Mr Cecil Parkinson. the Opposition spokesman on trade, questioned whether the Price Commission, accustomed to operating margin and cost controls, was capable of carryout a role for which machinery already existed in the Monopolies Commission, the Office of Fair Trading and the Restrictive Practices Court.

for deficit above

From John Earle Rome, Nov 23

Controversy is growing over the 1978 budget, now before parliament, which even the government admits will bring pubternational Monetary Fund. that the real deficit may run to more than 30,000,000m lire. Government supporters argue that they are in a good position to renegoriste terms with the

little sign in public of being willing to agree to a more per-

rial users of the postal system want to see a second letter delivery maintained, according to a survey by the Mail Users Association seeking business views on some of the issues

raised by the report of the Carter committee on the Post Office Asked what would be the effect of one delivery a day, staggered through to the afternoon, 68 per cent of respondents said either "very consider-able" or "considerable". Only

5 per cent said it would have Building orders decline

New construction orders continued to decline in the third quarter, according to surveys by the Department of the Environment yesterday. Total new orders were 3 per cent down on the second quarter of 1977 and the equivalent period of last year. Production of bricks during the three months August to October was 2 per cent lower than in the previous three months and 11 per cent down on the corresponding period of 1976.

Jobless rate rise grows

The rise in unemployment in the European Community slowed a little in October, possibly because of a slight revival in economic activity. Persons registered as unemployed rose 0.3 per cent to 5,986,000 at the end of the month, from 5,969,000 in September. The EEC Commission notes in its monthly report that business activity was not deteriorating activity was not deteriorating and predicted a slight revival in the fourth quarter.

Pay fears for hauders

Road hauliers face wide-spread bankruptcy if wage claims are pressed to the point of industrial action, Mr Ken Rogers, Road Haulage Associa-tion vice-chairman, said last night. He blamed the Government for doing too little to persuade the unious to accept the phase three 10 per cent ceiling white exerting heavy pressure on road hauliers and other em-ployers to stick rigidly m it.

Business users of mail favour second delivery



In brief

Sir Humphrey Browne, chairman of the British Transport Dock Board, said yesterday that port charges will go up by an average 13.5 per cent at British Transport Docks Board ports - Southampton, Hull, South Wales, etc-on January 1. Profits this year should roughly equal last year's record £26, he disclosed. The rates rise is less than this year's 15 per cent and less than recent inflation rates. Unless inflation goot completely out of hand the January rise would last throughout 1978, he said.

Enough fuel for winter

Adequate and well-distributed stocks of fuel are available to meet the winter's need, Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy said in the Commons yesterday. Oll stocks were at planned levels, although coal was somewhat below last year's high levels.

Perkins to spend £9.5m Perkins Engines, the Perer borough-based diesel engine manufacturer, is to invest about £9.5m over the next 12 months, most of it in new machine tools, Mr Michael Hoffman, managing director, said in London yester-day. Probably up to 60 per cent would be placed with British tompanies, Mr Hoffman said.

Trade surplus could vanish forecast says

Britain's new found balance of payments surplus could dis-appear by the end of next year because of the higher pound, lower world trade growth and fester earnings growth. This is the conclusion of a group of independent fore-casters now using the Treasury's model of the economy to make their own forecasts.*

The deficit will appear next year if world trade growth is only 2 per cent (which is ex-tremely pessimistic and in 1979 if trade rises more quickly.

A more optimistic view of
the effects of the pound's rise
is given by the London Business
School Centre for Economic Forecasting.†

In the first of their monthly updatings to their more detailed forecasts, the centre argues that a 4 per cent revaluation of the

price rises.

As a result of the Chancellor's October budger (which
they say is a "policy correction" rather than a policy
change) and the pound's float,
they have revised their growth
forecasts downwards and inflation
forecasts downwards forecasts downwards,
*Independent Treasury Economic Model Club,
†Economic Outlook 1977-1981.
The London Business School,
Gower Press.

British Steel and the Beswick steelworks

Aspley Guise, Milton Keynes, MK17 8DT.

From Mr Bill Tobutt Sir, The article on steel by Paul Routledge (November 11) talks of generous compensation terms to close down Beswick steelworks such as the one l work in at Best Moors. Has anybody bothered to find out the costs at those plants concerned? Clyde-Ironworks

Clyde-Ironworks recently negotiated, I understand, for 50 per cent of the average wages that they would have earned between now and 1980 when they were due to close under Beswick, on top of their redundancy pay. If you add the Readaptation EEC Payments Entitlement to that figure it comes to vary near £10,000 per man. Multiply £10,000 by the number of men at East Moors, Cardiff, and you get a figure in the region of £35m, which is a sum that would do very nice'y to modernize East nicr'y to modernize Moors.

The two main culprits in the huge £600m loss by BSC during the current financial year are interest rates on the ill-founded strategy of spending hundreds of millions of pounds at five or millions or pounds at rive major plants that have to pro-duce at 90 per cent capacity to break even, and obviously dur-ring recessions like the one we

wishes to reduce by 30 per cent. If BSC can achieve this figure then half of its loss would disappear overnight.

At East Moors, through negotiations, the trade unions have
set the lead by reaching agreements on a 25 per cent reduction. If the current investment
programme was looked at
again and due consideration
was given to what the customer
transe (qualitypical) where the wants (qualitywise), where the customer want it, and how much they want (quantitywise) which is what the steel-workers at East Moors have been saying for a number of years to BSC and government— then the BSC will make a mas-sive profit under normal working conditions and bold its lorses during depressions.

The contribution made by the steelworkers at East Moors ought to gain some sort of recognition by ESC in the form which will safeguard the future supply of billers to our main customer, GKN, and allow us to Yours sincerely BILL TOBUTT,

Transport and General Workers East Moors Works British Steel Corporation, Cardiff, CF1 5SJ.

Correct use of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

European clotning and textile

workers' unions have argued for

trade would really read workers in the Third World.

My union has for many years

now drawn attention to the poor

conditions of employment exist-

ing in Hongkong and demanded that workers should benefit

from economic development.

We have made similar demands

in respect of other countries-

South Africa is a case in point.

my union has taken a leading

conduct a study on labour rela-

was a follow-up, stating clearly

what we think should be done

reach ordinary workers in the colony. This is clearly not the case at the moment.

My union is not protectionist —it stands for fair and orderly

unions.

trading. Yours faithfully,

Radiett House,

West Hill.

MACGOUGAN.

Regulating trade to avoid

market disruptions

Sir, Professor P. B. Harvis, in his letter of November 21,

implies that there is a contra-

diction in my union's position on the negotiation of the

bilateral agreements under the Multi-Fibre Arrangement and our evidence to Professor H.

A. Turner, which stresses the

need to strengthen trade unions in Hongkong.

My union backed the Multi-

were sum lar to ours-

Pibre Arrangement because its

the need to regularize inter-

national trade. Disruptions in

the Europeza markets are chiefly the work of a few

major exporting countries which have wrongly claimed, and benefited from developing

country states. The competi-tiveness of these countries

depends upon exploitation of

international trade should be effectively regulated in order

to minimize social and econo-

mic disruption. To accuse us

of being protectionist is to fail to understand the situation. In

no other industry have workers made greater sacrifices to international trade than in clothing and textiles—250,000 jobs have been lost in the

clothing industry alone, in the past 25 years.

In fact, our desire to stabilize imports from some

countries is not motivated by

the need to preserve jobs alone. We obviously want to avoid massive losses of jobs, since it is clear that in the present economic conditions, workers

economic conditions, workers have hardly any hope of finding alternative employment. But we have not forgotten our duty to the truly developing countries of the Third World. Thus we have demanded that a growing share of the European of th

sean market be reserved for

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We firmly believe

their labour force.

term 'engineer From the General Secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers equitable social conditions for equitable social conditions for From Professor Sir Hugh Ford Sir. It was refreshing to see, for once, the term engineer used in its correct contage in your page one headline (November 7). "Engineers helping to prevent more severe pages cuts". In this instance, contrary to what has happened as working people in the develop-ing countries. In addition, the the inclusion of a social clause in any renegotiated Multioften in the past, the word "es Fibre Arrangement to ensure that the benefits of increased gineers" referred to professional or chartered engineers.

For years the highly trained, highly skilled and highly responsible chartered engineer has been galled and frustrated by headlines in the press referring to "engineers" on styles or having caused industrial unrest when he knew before going on to read the story that it referred to a technician, a craftsman, an artisan or an operator.

Since Hongkong is the responsi-bility of the United Kingdom, The misunderstandings re-garding the term "engineer", as I pointed out in my presspart in trying to secure changes. On the appointment of Prodential address to this institufessor Turner, by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to historical, dating back to Chaucer's time when "inger?" tions in the colony, largely as a consequence of trade union demands in the United King-(ingenious) became erroneously engin". The mistak having been made, why should having been made, why should it be condoned in these earlightened times? An engineer is someone who has been awarded a degree in engineering followed by fours years of professional training, experidom, my union prepared a paper outlinging the inadequacies of Hongkong's social and economic conditions as they affected workers. The paper referred to by Professor Harris ence and responsibility—a similar period of education. in order to strengthen trade training and experience, for example, to that of doctors in As far as Hongkong is con-cerned, we are convinced that the benefits of economic de-velopment must be seen to

the medical profession.

Such a person does not lightly resort to industrial action in any form, although those means any form, although those mani-bers of the public who are avid-readers of the press could be forgiven for believing this to be the case. Am I being the optimistic in expressing the-hope that at least those who read The Times was continued to be enlightened in future? Yours faithfully Yours faithfully, HUGH FORD, President,

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London, SW1, November 8.

From Dr G. H. Barker Sir, As you may probably know, the price of diesel fuel

Tax on diesel

for use by private consumers on public roads is now in-excess of that for ordinary petrol. The difference is of the order of 100 to 15 pence; depending on garages con-suited. I understand that the difference was partly attribu-able to the failure to reduce the excise on dissel after the motor fuels was reduced its petrol only, after Liberal Party and other pressures were placed upon the Government. I am sure you are aware that in many countries, especially those in the EEC, the price of diesi fuel (a much more eco-nomical fuel for cars) is less than petrol and, in some cases, considerably less. I think 'in Scandaniava. Recently, I understand that the Ford Motor. Company has introduced a discontinuous and the company has introduced a discontinuous company has introduced as the company has been company has been company to the cases. Granada range, but while

Estel Steel chief foresees Italy heading difficulties into the 1980s IMF ceiling From Peter Norman a breathing space in which to get their own house in order. It was intolerable that Com-

that in the next two years the Estel Group would put into effect a programme designed to reduce costs by 500m

Nijmegen, Nov 23

Mr Jan Hooglandt, chief executive of the Dutch-West German Estel Steel Group, tomunist steel producers, which were not tied to the rules of profit and loss, should be able day forecast that the structural to export steel virtually with-out hindrance into the Euro-pean Community, he added. Mr Hooglandt announced crisis in the European steel industry would last into the 1980s.

He gave a warning that re-storing health to the steel industry in the European Community would be a costly process with serious implications for employment.

Mr Hooglandt told a press conference at Estel's head-quarters in Nijmegen, that job losses over the next five years could exceed the 80,000 forecast by the European Commis-

One of the major problems was an influx of low priced steel products from third countries such as Japan, South Africa, and Spain. The third country share of the European Community market had almost doubled to 10.35 per cent over the past three years.

urged the Community to press for orderly marketing agree-ments with such producers to give the European steelmakers

warns Leyland

on tool orders

Mr John Methyen, director-eneral of the Confederation of

British Industry, said last night

that be hoped that when British Leyland finally got on its feet the resulting new orders for machine tools did not all come

in a pent-up flood that could not readily be supplied from

British sources. Mr Methyen, who was speak-

Mr Methyen, who was speak-ing at the annual dinner of the Machine Tool Trades Associa-tion in London, said that machine tool orders were today

at a higher level than they had been since 1975. But it would be preferable if more orders were coming to the industry

indicators of recent months,

the director-general said, were based on confidence and little

from British companies. The more hopeful aconomic

CBI chief

guilders (about £115m) a year. About half of the company would be achieved in the technical sector but the company would also have to reduce its labour force at ijmusees and Holland and in Dortmund, West labour force at Ijmuiden in Already a personnel cut of

Afready a personnel cut of 2,500 was planned for Ijmuiden which would probably involve 1,000 workers. A similar cut-back was likely in Dortmund. In the first nine months of this was the coercing loss of the coercing loss. this year the operating loss at Estel almost tripled to 207.7m guilders from 72m in the same period of 1976 while the group's loss before tax increased to 365m guilders from 201m. Hoogkandt therefore 201m. At the same time rurn-over rose fractionally to 6,933m guilders from 6,895m.

lic sector expenditure far in ex-cess of undertakings to the In-When the Italian government negotiated a \$500m (£277m) stand-by credit from the IMF last spring, it pledged that the overall deficit for the public sector (including also local authorities, health service and social incurrent. social insurance, and the elecsocial insurance, and the electricity board) would next year not exceed 14,450,000m lire.

Ministers now talk of a deficit of 26,000,000m lire, which they hope can be pared down to 19,000,000m lire. They have given up hope of maintaining the original IMF commitment.

Unofficial estimates forecast that the real deficit may run

The IMF, however, has shown

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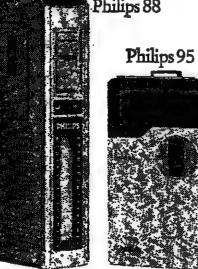
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Results for the Half-year

Hambros group earnings are well above those for the corresponding period of the previous year. Results from merchant banking operations show a substantial increase but the favourable conditions present during the six months to 30th September, 1977 (principally falling interest rates) are unlikely to continue to the same extent in the second half of the year.

Dividends

The Board, were it free to do so. would announce overall dividend payments for 1977/78 higher than those currently permitted under the Control of Dividends Order. Since, however, dividend control is expected to apply to the whole of the Group's dividend year 1977/78, limiting the total increase to 10%, the Board has decided to allocate the entire permitted increase to the present interim dividends with the result that these dividends are being raised by approximately 30% above last year's levels. It must be expected that final

dividends, which will be announced in June 1978, will have to remain at the same rates as those paid last year. In addition, following the reduction in Advance Corporation Tax from 35% to 34%, a third interim dividend in respect of the year ended 31st March 1977 is being added to the present interim dividend on the £10 and 25p shares. Dividends are therefore now declared as

On the £10 shares, £2.50 paid, at the rate of 38.5p per share (last year 28.5p) which rate includes 0.875p of third interim dividend for 1976/77 consequent upon the change in rate of ACT.

On the 25p shares, fully paid, at the rate of 3.85p per share (last year 2.85p) including 0.0875p of third interim dividend for 1976/77.

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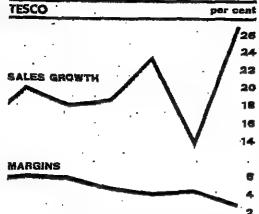




Phase one of the Tesco policy to cut margins, eliminate Green Shield stamps and rush for eliminate Green Shield stamps and rush for market share, has been a resounding success. Whether the second phase, to build on the gains and increase profits, will be so successful is still uncertain. Ending the Green Shield contract allowed price reductions of more than 2 per cent without loss, bringing Tesco roughly in line with Sainshury Tesco roughly in line with Sainsbury.

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Further cuts taking around 5 per cent off gross margins naturally had a more dramatic effect. Before "operation checkout" was launched the sales increase was a mere 14.3 per cent, roughly in line with inflation; for the 10 weeks following that sales learn 42.51 the 10 weeks following that sales leapt 43.64 per cent, and have continued to rise by nearly 40 per cent in the first 12 weeks of the second-half. Tesco is thus increasing volume at a rate of about 26 per cent and its market share of 60 leading packaged grocery



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lines has risen from 8.2 per cent to 11.2 per cent since the change in policy. The cost of all this is that pre-tax profit margins, after averaging 4.3 per cent last year, have come down to 2.7 per cent and profits are almost unchanged at £10.3m.

Taking the first half as a whole it hardly seems worth it. Sales were up 27 per cent, but Sainsbury's, in the first 28 weeks of its year managed a 241 per cent increase in sales while keeping its margins at 3.08 per cent against an average 3.8 per cent last year. Neither is Sainsbury worried by Tesco's market share increases. Whereas S. Pearson, Lord Cowdray's diverse and around one half of Tesco's sales is in the dry groceries line, the equivalent figure at Sainshury is nearer 30 per cent, and its own market share calculations show that it gained half-a-point to 7.7 per cent of all food sales between July/August 1976 and 1977.

Sainsbury, though is worried about cost pressures in the second balf, but these must affect Tesco too. Even if the extraordinary volume growth is maintained it would need almost a full percentage point improvement in net margins in the second half to maintain profits at last year's level of £30.2m. Still, this was done last year as the benefits of the bulk discounts from suppliers came through and despite the pincer effects falling fond price inflation and rising wage costs, it should be nossible again.

But to take a long-term benefit from an increase in market share. Tesco will need to increase its margins somewhere. If it does so on food it will lose what it has gained. So the intention must be to attract huyers to the non-food and fresh food lines. The average size of store, which is still much less than Sainshurv, is improving all the time, which will help costs, and some 7 per cent is being added to floor space this year. But the samble is still being taken and the comretition is fierce in a market with very limited growth in overall consumption. Tesco violds a prospective 5.8 per cent against Spinsbury's 5 per cent, but neither look likely to overperform in the current climate.

Metal Box

Packaging runs out of steam

it ventures out with a significant new attempt at diversification. The group has leaned beavily for its momentum in recent years on its successful exploitation of the grobably well above asset value even after a revaluation given development restrictions canned beverage market which has been growing at a compound 25 per cent or more annually. But after the experience of the first half of this year there are bound to be Pearson may be wise to recognize at this questions about how much more significant stage.

long-term growth remains in the group's traditional packaging markets.

Admittedly Metal Box has had to face up

to dismal summer weather this year in marked contrast to the two preceding years, and there has been persistent niggling industrial trouble at its own and its customers factories which, because of the group's high volume structure, has made real inroads into profit margins—down from 7.7 to 6.4 per cent in the home market. But the fact remains that Metal Box has achieved negli-

gible growth in packaging.

Output of processed food cans are a little higher, but beverage cans are down, as is packaging for the frozen food industry. Were it not for the first time inclusion of the Ideal-Standard acquisition, it is doubtful whether profits, up from £23.8m to £25.2m, would have been any higher at all. The stock market, for perspective, was anticipating profits of around £30m.

Nor are things likely to get any better in the second half. Metal Box suspects that some of its main drinks customers may still be sitting on big stocks of cans after the poor summer, and the thriving Stelrad central heating business was stopped for a time by the British Oxygen strike. So the group is now having to pin its 1978 hopes on an upturn in consumer spending, and in the meantime is forecasting full year results down on last year's £57.8m.

That is more bad news for a stock market which has still not managed to downgrade its forecast for a number of blue chips anything like far enough. In Metal Box's case the shares, underperformers in recent weeks and down by another 22p to 268p yesterday, are probably already discounting the worst in a prospective p/e ratio of about 64 and yield of 8.3 per cent. But the arguments for seeking out new growth fields, on the rattern of Stelrad and Ideal-Standard, are looking increasingly urgent. Metal Box has said it wants a quarter of its turnover outside of packaging. At present it has only 10 per cent and is evidently in need of more sooner

Madame Tussaud's

Almost a national institution

successful business empire, has now been officially rebuffed by the board of Madame Tussaud's following Thursday's surprising bid of 45p a share. Moreover, the stock market is saying that Pearson will at least have to offer more since the shares of Tussaud's moved smartly above the offer price to 48p yesterday. Price apart, though, Pearson's bid does not look attractive. For one thing the idea of absorbing Tussaud's was not an original stroke; it occurred to Pearson after Tussaud's had suggested buying Chessington Zoo, a small business which Pearson had inherited along the way when it bought Standard Industrial Trust some 10 years ago.

Pearson is not making any great play about the merits or otherwise of its 200, though it now also sees the concept of Tussaud's plus Chessington as a sensible one, and seems to be saying that it needs Tussaud's management to run the joint venture which would be the basis of a new Pearson leisure division.

Quite rightly Tussaud's is affronted by these ractics. Its simple moral defence is that it wants to remain independent. Moreover, if Pearson will go away and swallow its pride it would still like to buy Chessing-

The point about Tussaud's is that it is unique-its waxworks in Marylebone Road are almost a national institution. True, many national institutions have needed the financia! kiss-of-life recently, but Tussaud's is not one of them.

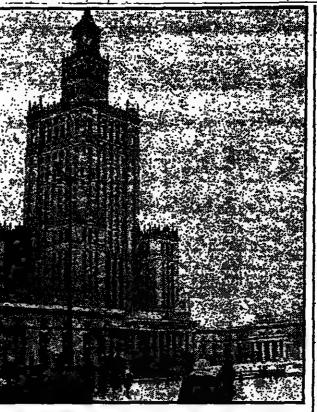
It has an unbroken record of profits growth, and it has shown itself better able than many at capitalizing on the tourist boom. It also has an exceptionally strong balance sheet with over £1m in cash and Yesterday's disappointing results from Metal freehold property—including the Maryle-Box must surely bring forward the clay when bone Road premises—in the book at 1959 valuation.

Pearson's offer-which values Tussaud's at around 9 times likely earnings and is close to Regent's Park-would be about right if Tussaud's was a small industrial business. But it is not-a fact which

In the week of the signing of the £115m shipbuilding order with the United Kingdom Peter Zentner discusses the Poles'

The Palace of Culture in the

economic strategy



Hurdles in the path of Poland's 'second industrialization'

A "second industrialization of Poland" is Mr Edward Gierek's assessment of the

As a claim, it is not unreasonable. The achievements of the Gierek years of expansion stand in stark contrast to the econo-mic stagnation of the late

sixties.

However, his own qualification: "We did not manage to
avoid difficulties on the path
toward a dynamic development" is unfortunately equally
true. Today, some of Poland's
problems are large indeed.
Poland's international debt
occurred in huy western tech-

occurred to buy western technology and consumer goods is variously estimated at between \$10,000m and \$12,000m and the debt is still growing. To put it in perspective this entails an annual repayment of capital and interest accruing of about 40 per cent of export earnings. ome wastern observers' educated guess" is as much as half of export earnings.

On the domestic scene, the drive towards a consumer society has slowed down. Continuing inflation, shoddy goods, shortages of certain products and, in particular, a chronic lack of meac characteriza the consumer's lot. Visitors to Poland soon become aware of the Polish phenomenon—the meat

The Poles like meat. With growing expectations in the early seventies, the average consumption of mest grew from 55 to 70 kilos per year. Today butchers' shops are literally bare. When the grapevine has it that a delivery is due, the queue begins to form. When of it and it is of poor quality.

Scarce

Even the special shops in-troduced this summer selling meat at twice the normal price attract a queue the whole day and the atmosphere in the ment queues is often tense. Anger is near the surface and sporadically erupts into noisy quarrels. People do not understand why, in a meat-exporting country, meat is scarce. Meat is economically and politically

The problem is being tackled, but will take time to solve. Its cause is not so much that Poland continues to export meat but that Polish farmers set about slaughtering millions set about slaughtering millions of sows, piglets and cows. By the summer of 1976 the livestock population had been reduced by 15 per cent. Now farmers are paid more for pigs and cows.

Others, too, are being encouraged, "Industrial plants and institutions must also step up livestock breeding", Mr Gierek said at the uinth Plenum lest month. Indeed, 1975 levels. The new positive trend should be visible on butchers' slabs in a year or so. In the meantime, Poland is In the meantime, Poland is baving to import 100,000 tons

of meat a year.

This year's bad harvest, the fourth in a row, will also be a burden on the balance of payments. With 23 million tons of grain lost through exceptionally heavy rains and floods, Poland will again have to import millions of tons of grain costing up to \$1,000m. ing up to \$1,000m.

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In apize of a positive contribution from invisibles and from trade with the developing countries, the trading deficit with the West has grown each year from \$1,300m in 1973 to \$3,400m in 1976. Efforts to improve the situation are however, showing some results: January-June trade with the West this year shows exports up by 14.6 per cent and imports down by 5.4 per cent. But it will be a long heul to realize 1976-80 five-year-plan targets to increase world-wide exports by 75 per cent and imports by only 26 per cent.

However, Poland has a good name as an international trading

name as an international tradin partner and for very good reasons. It is a country with great resources, including coal, copper and sulphur.
The investments which have caused the international debra

caused the international debia are themselves beginning to make their contribution to the economy. The Soviet Union, it is recognized, will give economic support if necessary. Indeed, after Mr Gierek's visit to Moscow a year ago, a 1,000m rouble (about £780m) loan was

have no serious doubts about is not easily made.

Poland and seem ready to give further credits.

Series on the ground progress sence on the ground progress.

Vertical missions from a specific industry, such as the further credits. Western confidence is further

western considered is by the boosted by Poland's obvious kers Association mission which determination to bring the came to Poland in March, are financial drift under control.

The Government's political will into the market. British Oxygen is evident both from the short term allocation of investment and import priorities and from the sentiment of the continued along to echicate a 45-man mission in October.

These are impressive ways for British firms to compose accepted. the continued aim to achieve a modern industrial consumer

society in the eighties.

The implications for the West, the United Kingdom included, are that 1978-79 will be a tough trading period. On the whole there is a moratorium on new projects, though those under-way stand a good chance of successful completion. But the emphasis will be on the more efficient use of existing re-sources. Products to boost the: country's exports and agricul-ture will continue to be imported.

Britain's exports to Poland, three times as large as to East Germany or Czechoslovakia, rose from £142m to £155m in the first nine months of this year. Furthermore, United Kingdom exports to Folsand should continue to grow in 1978, largely because of very large projects in the pipeline. These include Massey Ferguson's Ursus tractor plant project outside Warsaw for the manufacture of 75,000 tractors a year and Cementation's contract for a 40-storey tower block in Warsaw to house the LOT alrine's headquarters, the town

in Warsaw to house the LOT sirline's headquarters, the town sir terminal and a 500-bedroom hotel, and another for two hotels in the Gdymia-Sopot communities on the Baltic.

The value in the United Kingdom of these three-contracts is approximately £160m; £50m and £25m respectively.

The contract for 22 sinps signed in London this week worth £115m, should begin to swell United Kingdom export figures towards the end of 1978.

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According to the United
Kingdom-Poilsh Joint Commission which met in London at the end of October, there are oppor-aunities for industrial cooperation in machinery, metallurgy, chemicals, mining and construction as well as agriculture and food processing.

Competition

But the United Kingdom, which used to be the leading western supplier to Poland in the mid-sixtles, is now fifth in that league, with Germany sell-ing about two and a half times as much as Great Britain. Per sonal communications and in-dustry's greater readiness to edapt to market conditions may have been factors

Repeated visits to the market are essential. Exporters report that without a continuing pre-

British Metalworking Plantma

British firms to compete against the concentrated approach of exporters from other western

German industry's more non tive stance is also evident in the sphere of industrial cooperation agreements. There are three times as many German-Polish agreements as there are Anglo-Polish ones—114 compared with only 37.
Poland is particularly active

with joint ventures in third mar-ters, more so man other East European countries. Clearly, British firms will do well to explore avenues of industrial and commercial cooperation in the future. Such cooperation meets the twin Polish require-ments of industrial moderniza-

steps of Gerry Fiennes, who joined the Ffestining board the

day after being dismissed in 1967 for writing an indiscreetly critical book about BR without permission. Hardy has written a book too—Steam in the Blood,

but he got permission for it.

Next year will be a big one for the Ffestiniog—a new stretch will be opened to carry the line to the outskirts of Blaenan Ffestiniog, cut off a decade ago by a new reservoir.

Two years later they hope to be right in the town, reestablishing the original 14-mile link to Portmadoc.

. Economic notebook

They could if they would but they won't ...

order to curb excessive monetary growth the Bank of England's minimum lending rate is to go up to 7 per cent; or that they are to reimpose the banking "corset"; or that they are calling on the banks to place additional special deposits with the Bank of England. After all that, they might find

ome building appreciably ligher than either the Bank or the Treasury and leap into thin air. Those with acute hearing will hear them shouring that they no longer know how to stimulate the economy while simultaneously keeping the money supply at a disinflation-ary, let alone a non-inflationary, rate of growth.

But, for better or worse, the monetary authorities will not in fact take the builders' lift to the top of the NatWest tower. Nor are they likely to do any of the other things I have suggested. More probably, they will sit

and wait.

Now the question that poses itself is this: are they simply keeping their cool or are they clinging to their old ways, the lessons of 1976 seemingly unlearnt, the example of the United States, 1977, apparently unnoticed?

As yet, one does not know. What one does know is that the authorities are not well pleased with the recent bout of alleged scare-mongering on the need for higher interest rates apparently, that their beyond the simple fear that any move to push minimum lending rate higher could put the pros-pect of a further cut in more gage rate in jeopardy. What, then, are their reasons?

The first is that the authoriare not yet convincedand there seems to be a genuine difference of approach within official circles, abelit not publicly admitted either that money supply need in fact be overshooting by the end of the financial year or that, if it is by, say, only 1 per cent or so, it really matters.

The second reason has more The second reason has more parhaps to do with timing them with trend. It is that the authorities are losth to take any action now that relates simply to the position over the rest of this financial year. They want to relate it to their plans for 1978-79 and these are not going to come off the drawing going to come off the drawing board until wall after the IMP

Final monetary

for next year .

There however lies the rub. For at present it is starting to. look increasingly that whatever the final monetary targets for-next year, or even the first few, months of the year assuming that we kick off with rolling

trace we lock our wim roung targets, they are going to pose considerable problems.

That, moreover, still seems no be the case even if one discounts the worst of the present City scare-mongering namely that, despite official "leads" to that, despite official "leads" to the contrary, the Government is after tax cuts of the order of £3,000m in the spring and a 1978-79 public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) of £1,000m or so above the originally pro-jected ceiling of £8,600m.

Jected ceiling of £8,500m.

Pur that aside, however, and assume that the Government, in view of the many uncertainties lying ahead, is simply looking for an extra £1,000m of leeway on the originally mooted domestic credit expansion ilmit of £6,000m. Unless the Gevernment is expecting capital conflows.

The monetary authorities could totally to swamp the current announce later today that in account surplus, that strongly order to curb excessive suggests that the authorities are monetary growth the Bank of once again thinking in terms of money supply growth of about . 13 per cent-

To me that suggests that the authorities must be in danger of being in a no-win position before they have started. The before they have started. The diletima quite shappy is this on the one hand growth of around 13 per cent may well be too right to accommodate both a PSBR of up in £8,600m and a strong increase in private sector loan demand; yet it may well be more than high enough—albeit slightly down in terms of "excess" monetary growth—to sustain fears that the inflation rate is likely to be rising steadily from late spring onewards.

Decline in

capital

investment

Back we come, then, to horribly familiar terribory—and still with no answers. The old wisdom, of course, was that as the private sector of the economy picked up the public sector should move back towards surplus—dare one say it, even into surplus.

Even setting aside electoral considerations, however, there appear to be very real grounds for concern as to how one sets the economy going either by in-flationary or any other methods. The decline, for instance, of capital investment as a motive force is not a tendency con-fined solely to Britain.

On the essumption, however, that the Government is not prepared to give an inch on the PSBR and, albeit perversely, that it is determined to uphold its commitment to money supply control, should it be moving sooner or later? And what

should ir be doing? should it be doing?

The first point here is that two very obvious lessons should have been learnt. The first is that market forces are bigger than the monetary authorities, and the second is that delay in dealing with an inciplent money supply overshoot merely serves to compound the merely serves to compound the problem by encouraging people (including the banks) to borrow before the clamps come

from switching bank deposits into government debt until interest rates have rise Point number two when action is taken it results. The main problem with raising interest rates is that nobody quite knows the appro-priate level to which they ought to be raised, nor do they know how quickly the action will pro-duce the desired results.

duce the desired results.

The prolonged agony of the upward creep in American interest raiss this year suggests that there may be a case for soing for a degree of overkill in the first place. To ensure that this works however, it almost certainly needs to be accompanied by some quantitative controls on the banking sector—and some realistic tactics in the glitedge market.

The denser in all this of

The danger in all this, of course, is that such positive action to control the money supply might tend to produce the unwelcome side effect of pushing up the exchange rate. But if the Government finds that unpalatable, it will have to face up to the fact that evoiding one unpalatable choice somer or later requires another one to be made

John Whitmore

Business Diary: Sir Ronald for Warburg's • Bertelsmann's bow

After thirty years in public sorcerer Sauron gathered service Sir Ronald McIntosh is strength before invading the switching allegionce to the private sector when he retires as For two years or so now somedirector-general of the National next month.

After sifting through the many offers that have come his way since his resignation was announced last month Sir Ronald has accepted an execu-tive directorship with S. G. Warburg, one of the City's most successful merchant banks.

Sir Ronald has had four and a half years with NEDO after a succession of top civil servant posts in the 1960s and early 1970s.

early 1970s.

Few would argue with Warburg's judgment that Sir Ronald has a rare wealth of knowledge about the workings of British industry. While he will be mainly occupied on the corporate advisory side he will still be able to make use of his overseas contacts—and perhaps indulge his love of trayel—in Warburg's wide international business.

For two years or so now something of the sort has been troubling some other bookpeople—real life publishers, booksellers and book club operators. It was all to do with rumours that an assault on the British book-club market was being planned by the Bertels-mann Corporation, a German group with 8.2 million members in 20 countries. Bertelsmann's

chose yesterday to declare himself and his works. He is Manfred Herriger, managing director of Bertelsmann's new United Kingdom vehicle, Leisure Circle.

Wembley will be his centre of operations, as Mordor was Senron's. His principal lieutenants are publishing director Conrad Goulden, who picks the books, and Derek Cripps, the director in charge of selling

petted to announce his acceptance of a non-executive directorship in industry.

Herriger's foot soldiers, a team of self-employed sales people who will soon be knocking on doors up and down the land.

They will not sell the books as such, but will try to persuade remember how a shadow fell across the Shire, the home of the hobbits, as the forces of the



Knock, knock, who's there? Bertelsmann's Manfred Herriger in London yesterday.

be able to make use of his overseas contacts—and perhaps indulge his love of travel—in Warburg's wide international business.

At Warburg's there will be at least one familiar face in the shape of the chairman, Lord Roll, head of a NEDO study on finance for industry.

Sir Ronald is still looking at other offers and is today expected to announce his acceptance of a non-executive director.

entertainment group), as well as hi-fi and even toys.

Herriger says that the British trade has little to worry about and, as far as the first catalogue is concerned, he is probably

Leslie Murphy, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, is looking for a top motor industry executive to lead the team monitoring British Ley-land. The incumbent, Mike Carver, 54, is rejoining British Leyland as corrected director Leyland as corporate director of planning in Nuffield House, the group's new London head-

His departure will mean the end of "the Dynamic Duo" or "Barman & Robin"—as his partnership with former journalist 34-year-old James Ensor, came to be known within Leyland. Ensor, however, Carver's return to the fold-

he was formerly director of planning at Rover-Triumph-is planning at Kover-friumpn—is being interpreted as a pointer to the way in which Michael Edwardes, British Leyland's new chairman intends to keep future relationships with the NEB at arm's length. There has been criticism receipts from been criticism recemly from three of the four business groups—Leyland Cars, Leyland Truck & Bus and Leyland International — that too much time was spent dealing with NEB inquiries.

Now it is being suggested that Edwardes—himself a former member of the NEB—will, helped by Carver, be well

placed to carry out his own internal monitoring. He will thus be better able to see that most NEB inquiries are dealt with through his own office. With Edwardes trying to

recruit two top flight motor people to become fellow execu-tive vice-chairmen of Alex Park, and Murphy now searching for a new head for his British Leyland support staff, Ford of Britain head Terry Beckett must be worried. Ford is by far the most successful motor company and Beckett's Warley headquarters has in the past been a happy hunting ground for British Leyland recruiters.

After Peter Parker's unexpected retention of his outside directorships after becoming chairman of British Rail, diversification is spreading down the line. Dick Hardy, a top engineer responsible for training at BR headquarters, has just become what is thought to be the first working railwayman to join the board of one of those thriving light railways, the Ffestiniog.

Probably Britain's most successful light railway, the Ffestiniog made £22,000 on a £330,000 turnover last year—a ratio for which Peter Parker would presumably happily After Peter Parker's unex-

would presumably happily settle. But, then, at BR he does not have the benefit of over 50 paid staff happy to work hard for less than union rates, and bundreds more eager to help out for nothing in the summer months. Hardy follows in the foot-

Don't envy Conrad Goulden his job of picking war titles for the first British catalogue of the Leisure Circle book club, of which he is editorial director. On the one hand he couldn't affard to overlook British nostalgia for the Second World War, but on the other Leisure Circle is owned by a German group, Bertelsmann, Goulden's choice, however, is discreet. There are three war titles, Norman Mailer's The Naked and the Dead, which is about the war with Japan, Alistair MacLean's Where Eagles Dare, about us versus the Gestapo, and a perhaps less well known work, Heinz Konsailk's They Fell From The Sky. This is about the battle for Monte Cassino from the point of view of Germans such as "... beautiful Nurse Renate Wagner and the handsome doctor, Contain Pohlhors" and the handsome Cuptain Pahlberg . . "

INGALL INDUSTRIES

We are well poised to take advantage of any improvement in our economy.... Management accounts for the first quarter confirm that most companies are operating satisfactorily and your Directors are aiming to achieve a resumption of former growth. 🤊 -

H. Marston Riley, Chairman

For year to 30th June	1977	1976
	£,000	£'000
Group turnover	3,634	3,153
Profit before tax	253	303
Profit available	139	160
Earnings per 10p share	2.71p	3.20p
Dividends per		

Engineers: Funeral Furnishers

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Metal Box's

The trading figures for the half-years to 30th September, 1977 and 1976 are tabled below:

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	Half year to 30th Sept. 1977 £000	Halt year to 30th Sept. 1976 £000
Sales		
Home	263,630	208,220
Overseas .	132,027 395,857	117,782 326,002
Profit before taxation		
Home	16,820	16,010
Overseas	8,410	7,784
,	25,230	23,794
Estimated taxes on the profit of the period	12,010	12,000
Profit after taxation	13,220	11,794
Interest of minority shareholders	1,730	1,506
Interest of Metal Bos Limited	11,490	10.288
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For the half-year to September 1977, the oversees currencies have been converted at the mid-market rates of exchange at 30th September 1977; for the half-year to September 1976, they have been converted at the rate used in the accounts for the year to March 1977. Sales at home rose by £55 million (27%) and

overseas by £14 million (12%). Profit before taxation at home was higher by £0.8

million (5%) and overseas by £0.6 million (8%). The results at home, while marginally ahead of those for the first six months of lest year, and disappointing due to a number of factors.

In particular, sales of beverage cans were adversely affected by the poor summer weather and a series of industrial disputes. Although none of these disputes has been of a major nature, the continuance of work to rule and overtime banning has had a considerable adverse affect on profitability, to the disadvantage of everyone. Similar conditions have prevailed in some customers plants, which in turn has affected demand on the

Oversees the results at the half way are a little better overall than last year. A dissettous fishing season in South Africa has been offset by excellent progress in the South East Asian companies and also in the Nigerian

An immediate improvement is not foreseen and the year's results are unlikely to be as good as those of lest

Expenditure on fixed assets during the helf-yeer was £17.1 million of which £5.2 million was spent

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 6.6p per £1 ordinary stock unit (5.85p last year) in respect of the year to 31st March 1978. This dividend, £1 ordinary stock unit declared at the Annual General Meeting on 21st July 1977, will be payable on 9th January 1978 to holders registered on 9th December



MUAR RIVER RUBBER CO. LIMITED

Sir John D. Barlow Bart,'s Review

The fifty seventh annual general meeting of the Company was held in London on 23rd November, 1977. SIR JOHN D. BARLOW, Bart., the chairman,

The trading profit for the year ended 31st March 1977 of £798,000 was another record. The dividend to be paid to members is 1.7314p per share and is 10% more than the previous year. This is the maximum we are allowed to pay by H.M. Treasury under current dividend control.

CAPITALISATION ISSUE

The 3 for 1 capitalisation issue will increase the ssued capital to £2.8m. Dealings in the new shares will start on 28th November.

The report and accounts and resolutions to increase the capital were adopted.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Bright start but ICI and Metal Box send buyers away

Once the "bears" had closed firmness closed 1.8 down to down in the frist two 470.0.

hours of trading dealers were left with plenty of time to contemplate ICPs figures today and the extent to which interest of up to five eighths. But they

As the day went on opinion hardened against any coange in MLR thos week and it was a feeling at the outset that the market had over-reacted on Tuesday which had the "bears" poking for cover.

Interest rates apart below par figures from Metal Box were taken as further evidence of the depressed state of manufac-turing industry while even the market's cherished mapes of the North Sea took a knock with an economic forecast that the oil bonus could be frittered away

an interest again in Mr Basil Mauroleon's London & Overseus freighters in the hope that next month's interim figures may throw light on the unsettled compensation for Austin & Pickersgill Market estimates of the figures range between £5m. and £15m, and some feel a capital repayment may be on the cards. The shares held steady at 37 p.

subsequently fell back on lack of support and by the close

The FT Index, having gained firmer.

3.4 by 10 zm, drifted thereafter and in spite of a little late front of its figures after touch 18p to 48p after 54p in the hope

ing 365p at one stage with others to hold their ground being Glazo at 583p and BAT Industries at 260.

Fisons made further progress with a rise of 3p to 388p but the Metal Box figures which were well below most market estimates left the shares no estimates left the shares no less than 22p down for a close

Tunnel Cement was another Tunnel Cement was another company to come out with a disappointing statement the shares dipping by to 232p but Tesco provided dealers with rather brighter fare and the shares closed 2p to the good at 42p. In turn related shares lifted notably Cainchers were lifted notably Sainsbury So to 183p, Bejain 3p to 63p and Associated Dairies 5p to 240p. With the additional heip of its amount report Kwik Save were also a feature closing 6p ahead

pension to close at 25p after the Unicorn move and Cable-form proved to be a speculative

favourite rising 5p to 62p. Re-newed hope of imminent news had Spink and Sons back at the centre of attention and rising 18p in 298p but BOC's move to raise in stake in Airce again did little for the shares at 75p.
Investments news helped B.
Billiott to add 2p to 106p but
Glenlivet fell back 5p to 450p
on the lack of further developments following the Sezgrams

A rights issue had Newman Industries a penny to the good at 65p, coachbuilder Plaxtons responded to favourable comment with a gain of 3p to 112p, but Comet Radio dipped 5p to 143p as profits were taken. The eliocation of part of the big

As we await both the formal As we await both the formal offer of 100p a share cash made by Philips for Electronic Rentals, and the formal rejection, ER's shares stand firmly at 107p against 99p just before news of the bid earlier this month. The impression is that ER will project profits rising from £10.4m to around £13.5m this year to next March while the hope is that the dividend will be freed and rise 50 per cent. All this would help the shares and re-ward Philips, with just over 30 per cent of them, even though the bid is a non starter.

that the unwelcome bid from S. Pearson might provoke a counter offer. Abrasives International came back from suspension to close at 250 after after sharply higher profits and Warnford attracted some specus

lative attention rising 6p to 263p. More typical were rises of 3p to 197p and 2p to 280p for Land Securities and Great Portland repectively. In papers Associated Newspapers were 2p off at 150p after figures and Transparent Paper continued to respond to the previous day's statement losing

another 3p to 64p. Equity turnover on November 22 was 570.84m (14.039 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks rester-day were Metal Box, GEC, ICI Reed, BP partly raid, BAT Ind. GKN. Commercial Union new Barclays Bank, Distillers, Tesco Madam Tuscauds, Cableform and Furness Withy.

Latest results

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SUITS is aiming for a best ever £5.7m

After two years of retreating, it looks as if Glasgow-based Scottish and Universal Investments, where Mr R. W. Rowland took over the chair from Sir Hugh Fraser in March, is egain dvancing.

On turnover almost 20 per cent up at £32.62m, pre-tax profits rose by just over Z7 per cent to £3.26m in the six mouths of September 30. Moreover, the board expects the year's total to increase by about the same

This means they could reach about £5.7m—against 1976-77°s £4.49m, and would even top the best-ever £5.44m of 1974-75. Better results from the news

paper companies and the whisky division. Whyte and Mackay Distillers, were the main conributors to progress. The rising circulation of the Glasgow Herald has continued. There have been continuing problems with the Danish publishing offshoot.

Through the engineering division, a small Tyneside ship-repair yard, previously operated by R. B. Harrison, has been bought for about £80,000.



Mr R. W. Rowland, chairman

With earnings per share up from 4.07p to 5.12p, the interim payment, gross, rises from 3.1p to 3.42p. no 3.4.50.

Last week, Sir Hugh Fraser
and five other businesmen were
charged under the Companies
Act. Londro has about 29 per

Associates at London cushion Tunnel

By Richard Allen Tunnel Holdings, as the smallest and most regionalized of the big three United King-

dom cement producers has been hardest hit by the severe down-turn in demand. As a result, the group has ad to rely on associate profits

and investment income to keep pre-tax profits moving—to £3.03m in the half-year to Sep-tember 25 from £2.98m.

Tunnel's board makes no bones about the fact that its own cement sales have fallen by rather more than the in-dustry's average of 8.3 per cent. However, it claims that indus-trial stoppages arising from localized action to breach the Government pay policy have been a major factor.

Group sales have remained almost static at £17.7m compared with £17.4m while associates, including Ribblesdale, and operations in Cyprus and Australia have moved up from £9m to £11.5m.

As the radius ferrel associates

At the trading level associate profits rose from £1.1m to £1.3m; interest and investment income increased from £498,000 Attributable profits have swelled by £708,000 Meanwhile the interim divi-

dend has risen from 4.5p to 5.08p gross and speculation about Thomas W. Ward's 29.9 per cent holding in the group continues.

First half First half

1975

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1977

2'000s 33,603 1,003

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1.9p

TOTAL TURNOVER INTERNAL TURNOVER

EXTERNAL TURNOVER

PRE-TAX PROFITS Less Taxation & 52%

COST OF DIVIDEND

(after waivers)
TIMES COVERED
EARNINGS PER SHARE
(fully diluted)

ATTRIBUTABLE PROPITS

UNAUDITED

TURNOVER INCREASED BY 20%

Note—Corporation Tax has been provided at 52%. When the position for the year is capable of assessment it is probable that the provision will be reduced due to deferred taxation being treated as a reserve in accordance with E.D.19.

It is probable that although the turnover will increase in the second half of the year, profits and margins will not be as good due to losses incurred in Heavy Forgings, Housing and some of the Building Supplies companies. In 1977 there have been negligible stock profits as compared with 1976.

Prospects thereafter look more promising with turnover continuing to increase and margins starting to increase and margins starting to

improve.

An interim Dividend of 0.4p per share for 1877 (1876 0.36p per share) has been declared and is payable on 20th January 1978 to Ordinary and Non-Voting Ordinary Shareholders registered at the close of business on 16th December 1977. Your Board anticipate being in a position to recommend the maximum parmitted Final Dividend.

Dividend cut

In the six months to June 30, they slumped from £5.2m to £3.6m at the pre-tax level, on turnover down £22m at £92m. change in status of Dutco Pauling—now an associate com-pany—and a firm reduction in the profits of the group's scrap eclamation interests were the nain causes. Following the increase in local participation at Dutco

from 49 per cent to 51 per cent,

effect of the downturn through a dividend cut at the interim and year-end stages. At the balf way, the payout has been reduced from 1.9p to 1.2p and the directors predict an annual rate of not less than 3p gross. Last year the total dividend amounted to almost 5p.

However group borrowings have not increased Second half profits are

& Northern

Profits have taken a pounding at London and Northern, the construction to steel stockholding group led by Mr Jock Mackennie.

More financial and markets news on pages 28 and 29.

no surnover and only 49 per cent of the pre-tax profits will now be included in group results compared with a previous 100 per cent addition.

Sharebolders will feel the effect of the downturn through Second half profits are expected to be similar to those

Associated Newsparpers fail to please

of the first six months

Latest profits news from Associated Newspapers is of a 17.7 per cent pre-tax improvement to £7.26m in the six months to September 30.

However the results from the publisher of the Daily Mail and Evening News were not regarded as particularly good reading in the stock market, and the shares gave up 2p to 150p.

Uncertainty about the future of the Evening News and bearish comment about the level of Argyll Field oil have combined to make the shares a weak feature in recent

Turnover during the period was up 23 per cent to £74.3m and earnings comprised a trading figure of just over £5m against £4.4m, associate profits of £1.06m compared with of £1.06m compared with 1855,000 and investment income of £1.2m against £895,000. The interim dividend goes up from 2.47 2.47p gross to 2.8p.

YARROW

AND COMPANY LIMITED

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Statement by the Chairman, Sir Eric Yarrow, M.B.E., D.L.

The Group has had another good year with pre-tax profits increasing to £1.8 million. The figures for Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited are not consolidated in the Group Accounts except to the extent of dividends received from that company. The Directors believe that to do so might be misleading its view of the nationalisation of the shipbuilding company.

An interim dividend of 1.5 pence per share was paid in June 1877 and a final dividend of 3.1117 pence per share will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting. The two payments bring the total annual dividend to the maximum permitted under existing legislation, but it is hoped the dividend restriction will be relaxed in the years ahead.

NATIONALISATION

You will be aware that under the terms of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited and Yarrow (Training) Limited were taken into public ownership on 1st July 1977, and from that date became subsidiaries of British Shipbuilders.

At the same time the headquarters of Yarrow and Com-

pany Limited were transferred from Scotstoun to Charing Cross Tower, a 13-storey building in the centre of Glasgow which is now occupied by Yarrow and Company Limited and by its principal subsidiary Y-ARD Limited.

As a result of the nationalisation of Yarrow (Shipbuilders) As a result of the nationalisation of Yarrow (Shipfullders) Limited, various changes in the Boards of Yarrow and Company Limited and Y-ARD Limited took place with effect from 1st July and these were outlined in my letter to shareholders dated 12th May 1977. Mr. R. W. S. Easton and Dr. B. N. Baxter resigned from the parent company board on 30th June 1977, on taking up full time appointments as Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director respectively of Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited. They have both made valuable contributions

new responsibilities.

In previous years I have commented at some length on the injustice of the basis of compensation included in the

to the affairs of the Company and I wish them well in their

the injustice of the casts or compensation included in the nationalisation proposals.

We have appointed Mr. David Hobson, F.C.A., of Coopers & Librand. Chartered Accountants, to act as Stockholders' Representative in the forthcoming negotiations with officials of the Department of Industry. We have also retained Queen's Counsel and will have the hencet of expert legal and financial

Preparation of our valuation and claim for compensation Preparation of our valuation and claim for compensation is well advanced. Nevertheless, it may be some time yet before negotiations begin and these may well be complex and protracted. There is also the possibility that we will be unable to reach agreement with the Secretary of State on a fair valuation of the companies, in which case the matter will then be referred to arbitration.

In these circumstances it is quite impossible to predict the amount of compensation which will ultimately be received. All I can say is that your Board and our advisers will continue to press for fair compensation as has been promised on many occasions by Government spokesmen.

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occasions by Government spokesmen.

I do not think I am overstating the case by saying that in a normal "willing buyer, willing seller" transaction, which is not the compensation basis provided in the nationalisation Act, more than £20 million would be a reasonable price to expect for a company with outstanding recent profits, a full order book worth in excess of £200 million; an impressive future cash flow and favourable prospects. DIVIDENDS FROM YARROW (SHIPBUILDERS) LIMITED

Shareholders are aware that during the past few years, Shareholders are aware that having the past lew years, all distributions to the parent company out of profits earned by Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited have required the approval of the Ministry of Defence and latterly also of the Department of Industry. Now approval is confined to the Department of Industry.

Industry.

In recent years Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited has made very substantial profits of which only a small proportion has been authorised for payment to the parent company. An application has therefore recently been made to the Secretary of State for industry for a substantial distribution to Yarrow and Company Limited by way of dividend out of the retained profits of the shipbuilding company which had accumulated up to 30th June 1977. If approved, this distribution would go some way towards recognising the right of the parent company and its shareholders to a reasonable share of those profits. Y-ARD LIMITED

The Ministry of Defence was again the company's most important customer last year. The secondary machinery improvement programme for submarines continued to occupy the attention of a considerable number of staff and work on surface warships was also undertaken including the prepara-tion of handbooks, system design studies and documentation concerned with standards.

The modernisation of the Gearing Class destroyers for the Hellenic Navy, to which I referred last year, was completed satisfactorily and building of the first of the Royal Danish Navy's corvettes to Y-ARD's design is proceeding according.

During the year, further design work was done for the Hyundai Shipbuilding & Engineering Company including a 26,000-ton Container Ship and a 12,000-ton Mixed Cargo Liner. Two studge vessels to Y-ARD's designs were completed satis-factorily for the Thames Water Authority and for Edinburgh Corporation. A further study of coal-fired merchant ships as an alternative to nuclear propulsion was commenced for the

Department of industry.

Offshore, the company provided a comprehensive maintenance package to Mobil North Sea Limited for the Beryl A platform and also assisted the same company with a major accident enquiry. A paper was read at the Royal Institute of Naval Architects' Spring Meeting describing work on the dynamics of tethered buoyant platforms. Designs were prepared for a Super Semi-Submerable Platform for Wilson

Walton Limited, and of an integrated deck structure for Laing Offshore Limited. Work on Scotbuoy, a large composite structure with a concrete lower element providing all storage and flotation and an upper steel unit housing plant, machinery and accommodation, continues.

Our South African company again had a successful year.
On the other hand, the workload for our Australian company continued to show no sign of recovery and the decision was taken to wind up this company, but we are maintaining a presence in Canberra by operating from a small branch office of Y-ARD Limited.

Overall, the trading profits showed a significant increase even after allowing for the closing down losses in Australia. This rising profit trend is expected to continue.

TARROW ENGINEERS (GLASGOW) LIMITED

Although Yarrow (Shipbuilders) L

Lack of investment in new water-tube botter plant throughout the country continues and there is no indication at present of any upsurge in new orders for such plant, but we are ready to consider any opportunities for other engineer-

ing projects for this company.

The litigation process arising from the botler contract with the Greater London Council continues and the nutcome may not be known for some considerable time.

(Training) Limited are now vested in British Shipbuilders, they were part of the Yarrow Group throughout the whole of the year ended 30th June 1977. It is therefore appropriate that the following summary of their progress should be given: YARBOW (SHIPBUILDERS) LIMITED

R.M.S. Battleare, the second of the Type 22 Frigates for the Royal Navy, was launched in May 1977 by Mrs. Jumes Callaghan, wife of the Prime Minister. H.M.S. Alacrity. Our third Type 21 Frigate, was commissioned into the Royal Navy in June 1977 and H.W.S. Ardent, our fourth Type 21 Frigate. in October 1977. Favourable reports have been received on both these ships.

The last Type 21 Frigate on order, H.M.S. Arenger, has completed Sea Trials satisfactorily and is due to be accepted into the Royal Navy in March 1978. The first two Type 23 Frigates, H.M.S. Broodsword and H.M.S. Battleare, are both fitting out and the third Type 22 Frigate, H.M.S. Brilliont, is currently under construction and due to launch in the last quarter of 1878. An order for the fourth Type 22 Frigate as recently been received.

Although the intake of overseas orders has been adversely affected by the high degree of inflation prevailing over the last three years, a notable success was achieved in July 1977 by obtaining an order from the Imperial Iranian Navy 10 by obtaining an order from the Imperial Iranian Navy 10 build four large Logistic Support Ships similar to two ships completed in 1974. This order was the culmination of lengthy and complex negotiations over a considerable period and represents the largest single export order Yarrow (Shipbullders) Limited has ever received. This order, coupled with other current orders, establishes a long-term stability of employment for the shipbuilding workforce.

A new fitting out complex, including workshops, stores and amenities in the dockyard area, is due to complete in the middle of 1975 and will be followed shortly thereafter by a Covered Building Hall for glass reinforced plastic ship construction. It is expected that an order for the first of a series of Glass Reinforced Plastic Minebunters will be received by mid-1978 enabling construction to commence in 1979.

by mid-1978 enabling construction to commence in 1979.

The machine shop workload of sundry engineering products has been satisfactory and has returned a reasonable

profit margin.

The successful industrial relations policy has continued to contribute in no small measure to the success of the company.
Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited has a bealthy order book, a modern shipbuilding complex, an expectation of good profits, and the possibility of an increased requirement in the labour force. The Board of Yarrow and Company Limited wish all the employees every success under the ownership of British Shipbuildars.

YARROW (TRAINING) LIMITED

The Training Company continues to operate with a full complement of apprentices under training, including those of

weral outside companies.

In addition to training craft apprentices, this company has embarked on a programme of training selected young managers in Senior Management covering all aspects of activities within the naval shipbuilding and engineering activities within the naval shipbuilding and engineering departments, together with associated training in other companies and naval dockyards. The results of the scheme to date have been most satisfactory.

FUTURE . The future development of the Yarrow Group must to some extent remain dependent on the amounts received in respect of compensation and dividends from Yarrow (Ship-builders) Limited to which I have already referred above. In the meantime the Group is in a very strong financial position and opportunities for future developments are con-

tinually under review.

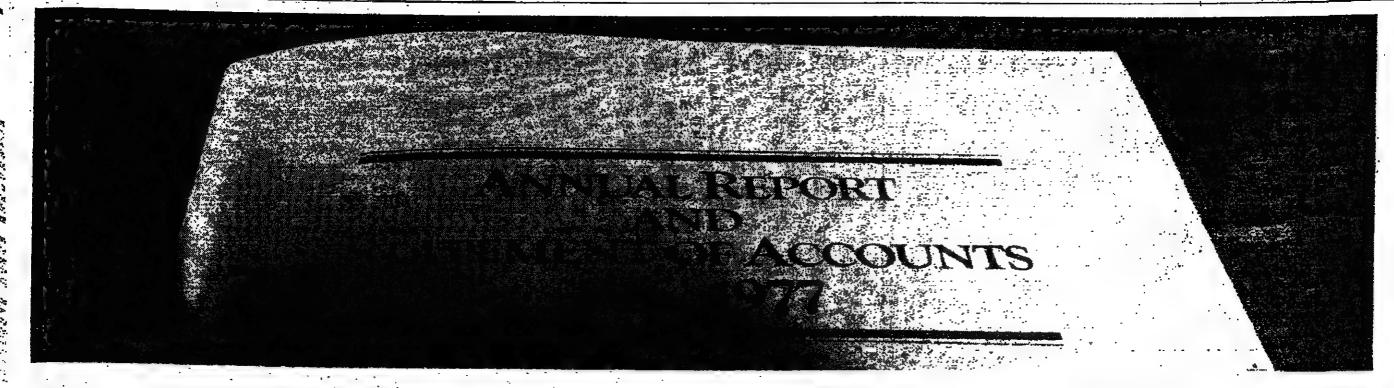
With the departure of Yarrow (Shipbuniders) Limited. Y-ARD Limited is now the major operating subsidiary of the Yarrow Group. With a total staff approaching 500, of whom over 300 are professionally and technically qualified, this is among the largest marine consultancy, and research organisa-tions in the world. Y-ARD provides a variety of specialist and advanced technological assistance to overseas navice and com-mercial organisations throughout the world and has acquired an international reputation for excellence. We have every confidence in the continued prosperity of this company, and a further expansion of the activities of Y-ARD can be expected forth in this country and overseas.

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At this time when the Yarrow Group of Companies is entering a new era; I extend to all past and present employees my sincere thanks for all their efforts which have contributed so much to the continued success of the Group.

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Before they invest in a company Hanson Trust consider two sets of figures. Those above. And those below.

else. We recognise that the people who work with us are some of the most valuable assets we have. So when considering investments we always take two performance. looks at the subject.

First, we analyse in depth company assets and performance.

Second, we look in detail at the ability and performance of the management team.

The only difference between a good and a great bottom line

Hanson Trust is committed to helping its subsidiaries develop, through carefully planned growth, into major forces within their industries. Hanson Trust philosophy. We believe the earnings we look for can only come sell (a destructive and cynical policy that has investing in the US and now over 60% of Hanson emasculated many sound management teams). And Trust profit is generated in America. How many

Our business is as much people as it is anything we give all this attention to the depth and quality of other British companies do you know who've had our management because we recognise it as the only difference between an average and an outstanding

How Hanson Trust has managed to succeed

panies with good management potential, Hanson Trust has laid a solid foundation for continued growth. In fact, so many people have had their attention diverted by Hanson's acquisitions, they may be unaware of the fact that our organic growth tribution to profits. This is a direct result of the

A second interesting point that derives from from good management and careful housekeeping. our simple philosophy of investing in people as well This emphasis on expertise applies at every level. as assets, is that it knows no borders. Acquisitions We have no room anywhere for second rate perform- both at home and abroad have met with a great deal ance. We are not interested in buying companies to of success. For instance, we used this philosophy in

this level of success across the Atlantic?

How likely was the second four minute mile?

There have been a great many different opinions about Hanson Trust, most of them concerned with In following the policy of investment in com- whether our remarkable track record could be maintained. Before you commit yourself to a viewpoint, perhaps it would be wise to consider this: Hanson Trust and its essential philosophy has been successful in some of the most trying economic times this side of the Depression and we are not has been sustained and makes an increasing con- about to change. So while others may argue, Hanson Trust will continue to do what it does best. We will work hard to create more profit, more jobs, more wealth for Britain and greater security for our employees and shareholders.

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By Bryan Appleyard

MK Electric Holdings has followed up its 275 per cent profits increase last year with an 11 per cent improvement to £2.56m in the half year to October 1.

Turnover rose by 17 per cent from £13.3m to £15.5m leaving trading margins at 16.7 per cent fractionally down on last year's first half, and 2.5 points down on the year as a whole. However, the group expects margins to climb back up in the busier second half, and profits to increase along the same lines as the first half indicating £6.7m pretax excluding the recent Ega acquisition.

In exports MK managed to maintain margins and there was a rise in volume to offset fall in United Kingdom volume. By value, export sales increased by 77 per cent and were 23 per cent of the total, a figure expected to rise to 25 per cent for the year compared with 19 per cent.

MK has now established a manufacturing plant in Singa-pore and another is on the way in Kuwait to consolidate in the Middle East and South East



of MK Electric Holdings.

is to establish market share in developing countries and ex-ploit sales of the planned world standard plug and socket.

The recent acquisition of the plastics interests of Ega Holdings with its African interests Asia. fits in nearly and the company
The group's overseas strategy is expected to committee pro-

hit hard by £1.8m fits of ground £900,000 in the second half year. Ega's plastic ducting will also fit in with MK's home market operation where restocking in the building industry should help in the next few mouths. Ega and MK will jointly be able to offer complete electrical systems to builders. write-off

By Alison Mitchell -The £1.8m write off costs on an unfortunate metal deal spoil otherwise reasonable figures from Amalgamated Metal, In Financially MK is still in a positive cash position, though not as high as the £1.8m shown in the last balance sheet. Stocks are £2m up at £10m in preparation for the increased the nine months to Sentember 30 pre-tax profits slipped from £4.7m to £4.2m on runnover up £43m to £802m. However, stripping out the exceptional provision, profits show an increase of over a quarter.

The directors appear pessimistic about recovering the money, they report, and the possibility of any ultimate recovery remains unknown. In the nine months the indus trial group turned in better results than for the corresponding period last year des-pite a downtown on the steel service centres, suffering from year.

The gross interim dividend is 4.54p and the board plans a maximum final of 4.3p. It says that it will consider a higher payment "should the regulations then permit." The shares fell a penny to 169p yesterday, putting them on a prospective weak markets.

A depressed world market has held back the physical metal trading, and company secretary Mr P. J. Norton gives a warning that there are on signs of an upturn. Tin smelting interests held up well, matching the 1976 levels.

Levers Optical, which last formance by streamlining its veck asked for a temporary United Kingdom management, uspension of its shares pending renewal of banking facilities.

In future the organization will operate under four main com-Levers Option, which less week asked for a temporary suspension of its shares pending renewal of banking facilities, has had its accounts qualified. The auditors state that the accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the group will continue as a some concern, but this

This means a new nationwide unit to manage roads and heavy civil engineering industrial and building contracts: a regional organization to look after individual construction areas: continuation of Cubitts under its present United Kingdom set-up: and a new operation to

They have not been able to satisfy themselves that the manage plant.
Tarmac Construction's mansatisfy attensives that the continuance of support by the group's bandons is assured and accordingly they are unable to form an opinion as to the validity of the use of the going aging director Mr Alan Osborne explained: "Our growth and return on easets in the United Kingdom construction industry in a tough market is second to none. The government has demonstrated its intentions with an injected £400m and the indicators are that the next two years should see an improvement throughout the industry.

concern basis.

In his amount report Mr A. S. Pertoff, chairman, says that on November 9 the group bought Willesden Optical works and after some rationalization the group is in a far stronger position to take advantage of any uptum in trade.

The group is considering prospective tenants for the letting of its vacant space at 38, Mount Pleasant. It should receive a substantial income from this when the building is fully let. Maple (Holdings) may neturn to profits

In spite of interim losses, Maple (Holdings), which has been in deficit for the last three years, may end the current 12 months in profit. In the 28 weeks to August 13, it cut its pre-tax loss from £880,000 to £527,000, after paying lower interest of £842,000, against £1m last year. Turnover was virtually the same at £9.62m. Tarmac Construction is capi-talising on record 1977 per-

The board explains that this facilities for pudchases in Repyear's turnover includes a ren-worths's shops. year's turnover includes a ren-tal of £265,000 from the Totzenham Court Road development which was sold in September, while last year's runnover in-

cluded sales from stores since closed of £1.12m (this year: nil). hil).

However, the situation has been "radically changed" by the Tottenham sale. The board hopes that profits from the functure-retaining offshoots in the rest of the year will be sufficient to eliminate the interim loss, provided Maple enjoys the tradicionally high sales in the last eight weeks of the year.

of the year. J. Hepworth more confident

Mr R. E. Chadwick, chairman of J. Hepworth and Son, says that the board tooks forward to maintaining the group's growth. The benefits derived from extending the range of the company's merchandise are not yet fully harvested, and it tooks forward to the future with more considence than a

The group has formed a new joint credit company with Forward Trust, the instalment finance subsidiary of Midland Bank. The new company, called Club 24, will provide credit

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Unicorn Industries is making
an agreed bid for Abrasives
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Abrasives recommend acceptance of the offer and it has Abrasives recommend accept-ence of the offer and it has given an undertaking in res-pect of 1.4 million shares or about 62 per cent. Unicorn at present holds 3.3 per cent of the capital.

Recovery lagging at

Edgar Allen, Balfour An earlier directors' forecast that Edgar Allen, Balfour will exceed £3.3m this year is prov-ing to be over-optimistic. The board is now revising its esti-mate downwards and results

are simply expected to be "satisfactory".

In the six months to October 1 last, the engineering and steel group made a pre-tax profit of fim, against a depressed £523,000 on turnover up from £26m to £28.3m.

Slump hurts BASF: dividend warning

Pre-tax profits of BASF, the leading West German chemical group fell by 20 per cent in the first three-quarters of this year. World-wide, they dropped to DM 863m (about £205.4m) DM 863m (about £205.4m) from DM 1,000m in the similar

period last year.

Herr Matthias Seefelder,
chairman, said that BASF was unable to compensate for weak domestic demand with successful exports. He cited the "enor-mous rise" in import pressure and the rise in the value of the Deutsche mark as factors in the present stagnation in the Ger-

man chemical industry.
Sales of Germany's second largest chemical concern rose by 1.7 per cent in the first nine months to DM 15,800m from DM 15,800m in the similar 1976

While declining to give any precise predictions about the impact of the earnings drop on the 1977 dividend, Herr Seefelder said: "It is understandable that these developments will influence the dividend pay-

Volvo slumps

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Volvo reports that profits before allocations and taxes for the nine mouths to September were 229m kronor—less than helf the 490m kronor pre-tax made in the corresponding

International

period last year. Car sales were down during the first three quarters, com-pared to the same period of 1976. They rose on foreign markets, though more slowly than those of competitors and were sharply down on the Swedish market.

Commerzbank rights

Commerchank plans to boost equity capital by DM247.2m (about £58.8m) through a rights issue, the bank announces. It will raise nominal equity capital by DM82.4m to DM726m. The new shares will be offered in a relationship of 8:1 at DM150 per 50-mark nominal share. The bank will offer DM1.9m nominal to holders of the bank's 1972 convertible bond issue in a relationship of 32:1, it said.

Ampol confident

Ampol Petroleum of Australia pects its profit in 1977-78 to be above that in the year ended September 30, managing September 30, managing director, Mr A. E. Harris, says but deckined to make a detailed

pricing decisions resulted in the recoverable reserves on Barrow Island being increased by around 40 to 50 million barrels to about 250 million. He said Ampol was considering oil exploration outside Australia,

putting them on a prospective yield of 5.2 per cent.

trical systems to builders.

inter months demand and

total spending is running at about £4m for the year as a

The board says that any view of the second balf must

it reports encouraging levels of recent order intake. Excluding Ega it is looking for home and export turnover for the year of £36.4m, 16 per cent up on last

P and O Australia

P and O Australia will offer 6.25 million \$A1 per shares at \$A1.80 per share to the Australian public from Dec-ember 2 to 23. The issue will raise paid up capital to 25 million shares from 18.75 million shares from 18.73 million and represents 25 per cent of the eventual 25 million share capital. At present the company is owned 100 per cent by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

International Nickel

An offer in the Canadian market of about \$C100m (about f50m) of International Nickel Company preferred shares is expected early next week. The shares will carry a \$C25 par value and up to four million hares are expected. According to informed sources there is debate as to the possible dividend rate, but it is believed a yield of at least 7; per cent or slightly higher would be needed to market an issue of

J. Folkes Hefo profitable only in parts

Losses in several divisions are likely to prove a worry to Mid-lands engineering group John Folkes Hefo in the second half of this year.

Although turnover is set to increase, Mr James Hearnshaw chairman, warns shareholders of losses in the heavy forgings, housing and some building supplies companies.

But he anticipates an improvement next year. Prospects look more promising with turnover continuing to increase and margins starting to improve.

Shareholders will not miss out by the profits hiccup. The interim dividend rises from 0.55p to 0.6p for the six months to June 30 last, and the direc-tors anticipate paying a maxi-mum final for the year. In the period, total turnover of the Stourbridge-based group

increesed by a fifth from £27.7m

to £33.6m but pre-tax profits

only marked time at £1.9m ing margins a point nighter Compared with 1976, the conrebution from stock profits was negligible. At the interim stage tax has been provided at 52 per cent but the chairman anticipates that the provision will be reduced at the year end,

Offer is too low, BIT tells coalmen

yesterday rejected the approach from the National Coel Board Pension Fonds on the grounds that the terms of the offer are insufficient.

as going concern, but this assumption depends on the consisted support of the group's bankers.

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New-look Tarmac

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BIT argues that on a going DARTMOUTH INVESTMENTS value of the trust is 1921p whereas the value of the NCB affer, after teking into account increalized capital gains tax and the dollar premium surrender, is only 164.1p. That is 85.2 per cent of asset value, and oot the 98 per cent associated by the NCB.

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The investment trust also argues that its performance riest other investment trusts against other investment russis and the equity market in general has been good, and that over the longer term BIT "will continue to provide a reward-

ng investment".
The defence document also claims that the formula basis of the bid places an uncertain value on the shares. This argument the NCB sought to answer last night by announced the company of 1650. ing a cash alternative of 165p

BIT shares closed 1p down at 145p yesterday. The Depart-ment of Prices and Consumer Protection also announced that it had decided not to refer the bid to the Monopolies ComFirst-half profit is considerably over any previous achievement, and chairman hopes that this will also be the case at year and.

Briefly

Group has completed acquisition of about 80 per cent of Remy Group in France.

Board plans to remove restric-tions on its non-voting "A" shares from December 30 to make them rank equally with ordinary shares. Existing ordinary share-holders will get a 1-for-20 scrip

issue to compe FOSECO MUNSEP Sales for nine months to September 30 were chead of same period of 1976, but group profits are still affected by recession in steel industry.

JENKS AND CATTELL Chairman thinks the company has reached a position from which it can look forward to some real growth in profits subject only to general economic conditions.

BRICKHOUSE DUDLEY Board says results for the second haif of year should show an im-provement, if full time working can be maintained, thanks to improved orders, reduced stocks, Government reflation of construc-tion industry and strong export

At a meeting between Shotton Steelworkers' Action Committee, Mersey Docks and Harbour, which recently made a good recovery, and REA Bulk Handling assurances were given on future operations at Birkethead Docks; are investment recessary topological and the steel of t

any investment necessary would be made to meet the needs of an increased flow of iron ore. LLOYDS & SCOTTISE Board has agreed in principle with Bank of America for pur-chase of BenkAmerica Factors.

ECGD has guaranteed a \$4.5m oan by National Westminster Bank to Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka of Czechoslovakia.

Company, formerly United Tobacco Companies (South) reports pre-tax profit of R2.7m (R3.8m) for year to September 30. Board confident, but warms abareholders against 1978 dividend. BAT Industries Controls company.

BLAGDEN & NOAKES Offer by Blagden & Noakes (Holdings) for W. W. Ball & Sons accepted in respect of 10,193,796 ordinary shares of Ball (91.7 per cant). The offer is now unconditional and remains open.

Business appointments Mr C. S. Aston to

be next chief of Powell Duffryn Mr C. S. Aston has been made a director and a deputy chairman of Powell Duffryn from December 1. He will succeed Sir Alec latter retires next July.

Ogilvie as chairman when the Mr I. A. J. Anderson has joined the board of John Lewis Partner-ship. Mr E. E. Greenhalgh has resigned.

resigned.

Mr T. W. Scott is to be a director of Lloyds Bank International from Impary 1.

Mr E. Bridgeman and Mr R. J. Parkes have been made joint managing directors of W. Tyzack Sons & Turner, Mr A. C. Colthorpe has ceased to be managing director. Mr D. N. Dow, has resumed the role of Laird Group's finance director in addition to bis duties

Mr Oliver Frenn, deputy chairman of Racal Electronies, has been made chairman of a new group company, Racal Automation, Mr John Engledew becomes managing director, Mr Leon Chramowski denutry managing director, and deputy managing director at Mr Anthony Smith mchnica

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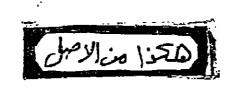
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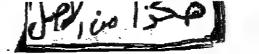
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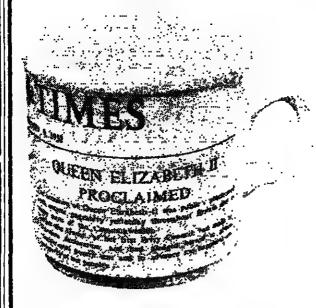


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Two additions to the small but growg family of large hatchbacks go on de in Britain this week. They are the ndi Avant, a new bodyshell grafted on a existing mechanicals, and the enault 20TS, which combines a amiliar body and a new 2-kirre engine. The Avant is the five-door version of he Audi 100 which has been selling so trongly since it arrived early in the ear. While the saloon offers the congenional "three-box" arrangement, with separate passenger compartment and hoor the Avant has the semiind boot, the Avant has the semi-estate facility of the tailgate and fold-

Initially the Avant will be available only with a 1.6-litre engine, the unit used in the Audi 80, though a version with the 2.2-litre five-cylinder engine is being prepared for early next year. The Avant and the 100 saloon are otherwise mechanically identical and

otherwise mechanically identical and have the same amount of passenger space, including headroom.

The decision to fit the smaller engine is interesting, and immediately raises the question of whether it leaves a 15tr car underpowered, even if, as Audi claims, it gives touring consump-tion of 32 miles to the gallon and runs on two-star fuel.
The answer, I discovered during a

prief test drive last week, is that de-prief its modest cubic capacity the Avant has at least adequate per-formance for most conditions. And?s figures—0 to 60mph in fust over 13. seconds and a top speed of 100mph hear this out. hear ruis out.

The engine is noisy when pushed hard through the gears and cannot always cope with quick acceleration from top, but it gives relaxed high-peed cruising with, on British roads, plenty in hand.

There is a good bore and the rear

There is a good boot and the rear seats folds down easily to create a huge luggage area of nearly 40 cubic feet. One snag, though, is that width the Suspension units and some owners might not appreciate having to lift their cases over such a high lip. But the tailgate is very big and gas-fried struts enable it to be lifted easily.

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With a sweet gearbox, light and accurate steering and good brakes, the Avam is enjoyable to drive. Seats and ride are firm, in the German manner, and the handling mur. Cloth seats, radio speakers, laminated windscreen and halogen headlamps are standard items and the car costs £4.995.

Renault's big five-door car was reiginally launched as the R30, with a 2.7-litte V6 engine. It was followed by the 20TL, which used the same 1647ct engine as the 16TX: it is, in fact, similar in size and power to the Avant, though nearly £1,000 cheaper. Now comes a third version, the 20TS,

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The Mercedes is not to all tastes. Some find it "heavy", in the way they find German food heavy. It can seem almost too sturdy to be true, a sort of motorist's tank. The interiors tend to be functional rather than decorative. And this coupé is not, despite its sporting pretensions, particularly fast for its type, though it cruises easily at high speeds.

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If, on the other hand, you are a Mercedes convert, none of this matters. You bought the car (or had your company buy it for you) because of the superb engineering, construction and finish, because it offers a very high standard of both primary and secondary safety and because, simply, every thing on the car functions so well.

Primary safety concerns the car's ability to avoid accidents through its braking, roadholding and so on. There can be few cars which match the Mercedes in these respects. Secondary safety involves how well the car protects its occupants of there is a crash. Again, the strength of the car and its ability to soek up impact has few parallels.

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consumption is 20 to 22 miles a gallon. Despite height adjustment, the front

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Excellent leg room front and rear make it unexpectedly roomy, while the seats give excellent support, and an adjustable steering column contributes to a wide choice of driving positions.

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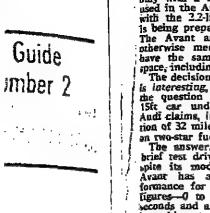
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BELISHAM.—On November 22nd, at his home, Jenny's Barn. Balderstone, mear Backbern. Lancashire, Deacefully after a short liness. Sydney James M.C., B.Sc. 1" S J ") aged 85, laic of the Middersex Rogimen: 1914-1919, and The Canada Life Assurance Company for 61 years. Beloved husband of Reien and much loved latthey. Cremation at Pleasington, at 2 n.m., Friday 25th November, Johowed by a membral service at St. Leonard's Oneshall St. Flowers. Balchard. Bendelines. Enquiries to Mellor 2567.—On 17th November, 1974.

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TARGETT—On November 21st. The Chapel of Resi, Weir street. Blackburn. Enquiries to Meller 3567.

BEWS.—On 17th November, 2:77 at Smallfield Hospital. Surrey, Ian Charles, as a result of a tragic post-operative accident at University College Hospital. London in March 1973 from which he enferred severe brain damage, aped 55. An old Edwardian formerly 1. K. Sales Manager of Hit. A Thian Products Campany Let. a member of the Royal saliture of Chomistry: Fellow astitute of Chomistry: Fellow astitute of Chomistry: Fellow astitute of the Oli and Colour Chremiste Association; a Deaton of Catterham Congregational Church and Chalman of Caterham Urban District Council 1971-72. A socially deer person of the ball integrity. Family cremation to but a Memorial service to be aunounced later. No flowers picaso, but small industries it wished would be very welcone to "The Brain Research Trus" care of Miss Parsche, 17-19, Oueen Squaro, London, W.C.1. All donations and letters will be eventually porsonally answered by the Bews family.

BOOTH.—On 21 November in London, factor Kevin Booth S.J., Requirem Mass at Sacred Beart Church, Winbledon, on Tuesday. 29 November at 10 am.

BORER.—On 18th November. West Chappel at 11.15 a.m. Enquiries, telephone Rickmansworth, 72013.

CLEMENTS.—On Monday 21st November, Voice Clements, wife Chappel at 11.15 a.m. Enquiries. Flowers may be sent to Pinm's Funerals, Guidford.

TARGETT—On November 21st.
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borne, Walter G. Thompson,
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CLEMENTS.—On Monday 21st
November, Violet Clements, wife
of George Clements, of Fingringlee, for many years much loved
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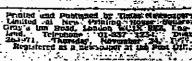
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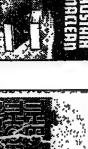




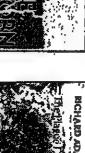






























































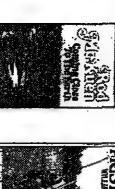






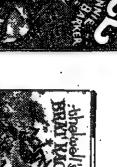




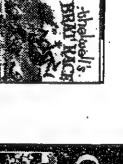


































































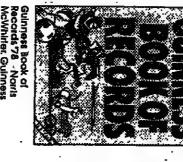














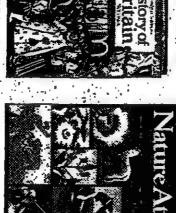


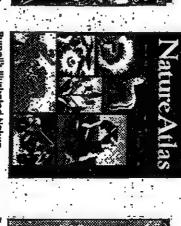




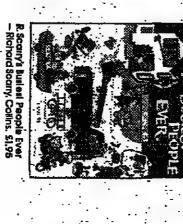












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Out of a large field two dead-heat as the books I most enjoyed this year: in the spring. Yehudi Menuhin's Unfinished Journey (Macdonald & Jane's, £5.95) a great book, not to be read as you run, but in leisure hours when you can give all your mind to its depth and wisdom; in the autumn, The Knox Brothers by Evoe's daughter, Penelope Fitzgerald (MacMillan, £4.95) a scindilating composite picture of four elusive dissimilar characters, two of whom were among the most brilliant men of the century—a book which, as I found, cannot be read with other than voracious

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We asked our reviewers to choose the books they most enjoyed in 1977

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Much warmth behind she cool title of
A. N. L. Munby's Essays and Papers (Scolar
Frees, £10) which has proved not just
another prompting to bibliomania but has
reconfirmed the incurable nature of the
disease. And the two children's books of
1977 that any mad collector ought to treasure
are Alan Carner's Tom Fobble's Day, with
ecidings by Michael Foreman (Collins,
£250), and Jomy Wagner and Ron Brooks's
John Brown Rose and the Midnight Cat
(Kestrel, £2.95).

Paul Barker

Ray Gosling Like most people, I usually catch books when they "go public"—in paperback. Hence a word in for Kilvert's Diary (Penguin, £1.25) and the less idyllic country-aids of E. P. Thompson's Whigs and Hunters, his biting rejoinder to critics in new (Peregrine, £3.25). In the traditional format? Anthony Sampson's The Arms Baraar (Hodder & Stoughton, £5.95) a Teach Yourself the Arms Trade: a primer for the age of plutonium.

Georgina Battiscombe
Max Egrenont's The Cousins (Collins, 16.50). Victoria Glendinning's Elizabeth Bowen (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £6.50). Hester Chapmen's Four Fine Gentlemen (Constable, £6.50) — these I liked and admired, I am toold however, that my admired in am toold however, that my activation must be "enjoyment". Though to me a recemeeting spells intolerable boredom the book I enjoyed most was Dick Francis's Risk (Michael Joseph, £3.95).

William Haley

Learence Kelly's Lermontov (Constable, E6.50). The subject is absorbing, the narative excline, the scholarship readable. The illustrations enforce reslity. From Tsar Nicholas to the Prophet Shamyl, from St Petersburg to the Caucasus, from Merary salons to active service and the duclifing grounds, she life of a genus moves to its self-difficted end, even though another man idiled thin. Humphry Berkeley
My choice is Ramsy MarDonald by David
Marquand (Cape, £12.50). This is the best
political blography for many years and it
does full justice to the memory of a Prime
Minister who has been unjustly traduced as
a traiber to the party which he helped to
create. David Marquand does not defend the
formation of the National Government but
MacDonald's contemporary diary, and, his
state of mind at the time, that no betrayal
was planned.

John le Carré's The Honourable Schoolboy [Hodder & Stoughton, E4.95) which I rend in one long orgy with its precursor and easential soquel, Tinker, Tallor, Soldiar, Spy, scened in one to have much wrong with it but was still the most interesting Builsi book I rend. A Dickensian curate's egg. I persigt in liking my le Carré drab; his exotleism is run of the mill. The Autumn of the Patriarch by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Capo, E4.50) is overblown and florid but nonethieless extraordinary for that. Original, truthful comedy is rarer than hot dinners but Baryl Bainbridge handles both delecrably in her novel Injury Time (Duckworth, £3.95): the wards are faulifest and resounding, the form is exquisite, its passion colossal, its questioning of fashious in values exhilarating. And The Collected Storles of Noel Blakiston (Constable, £4.95) is a classic of Ironic graciousness and even biss. Piers Brendon
Last Christmas critical bears growled imprecations at E. M. Forster and he fell to a new low on the literary stock-market. As a result, perhaps, P. N. Furbank's E. M. Forster: A Mile (Secker & Warburk's E.50) did not receive the welcome it deserved. Elegant, simple, subtle, erudite, it is the first volume of what will surely be the best biography of any Bloomsberry.

Tolkien's Silmarillion (Allen & Unwin, E4.95), is not as good as The Lord of the Rings, but it was one of the best reads in 1977. Another was Alistair Horne's A Savage War of Perce: Algeria 1957-62 (Macnillan, £8.95). ouis Heren

Dan Jacobson's The Contessions of Joseph Baize (Secker & Warburg, E3.90) is the novel that's most impressed me this year. It's tradition, gripping and disturbing, and stays complete in the mind, once read. It's in the tradition of Kafta and Dostowsky's spurser the reader in its psychological intricacios. I the reader in its psychological intricacios. I like its roughness and clarity, but can still like its roughness and clarity, but can still size with the pevelplant reviewer who sensed there was a lot left unsuid, and wished it longer.

Laurence Cotterell
The archaeological adventures of Mea
Mallowan and the adventure of being
married to Agatha Christie make an especially pleasing blond of reading for me in
Mallowar's Memoirs (Collina, £6.55). More
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published in Switzerland. British publishers were studying it with incredibilty at the Frankfurt Book Pair. The untrammelled and Hibertine ingenuity of continents clock makers and decorators in eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries seems to make the creators of Playboy and Penthouse look like beginners.

A re-issue which will gladden the hearts of many is Nicholas Goodison's classic and scholarly study of English Barometers, 1680 to 1860 (Antique Collectors' Club, £15). The fact that the book is written by the Chairman of the Stock Exchange adds spice to weight of air. The fact that we associate it weight of air. The fact that we associate it weight of air. The fact that we associate it with a major topic of conversation is incidental mand inneteenth centuries by the Italian crafts and an interest the control of the subject. A barometer state of the country and doubled down the principal makers and examples of their work. Fifty are described in detail on what is more than merely useful. I had offen wondered why the hygrometer dials on wondered why the hygrometer dials on wheel barometers so rarely work. It turns out that the principal component is the fact that the principal component is the fact that the principal component is the fact that being and the increasing the desart leaf and on, which is fragile, doesn't last long and, not surprisingly, is difficult to replace.

A book which will certainly become another much-used work of reference is the problems brought about by the increasing mechanization of the silveramith's craft and the competition he faced from Sheffiold in least, one can understand much more readily why kernineteenth-century silver by John Culme of excessively ornamentals. The Victorians is the method of the silveramith's craft and the competition he faced from Sheffiold on the fault sucked and work of these of these cases were not unaware of these cases were not unaware of these cases of the fault sucked work of the artist than the ornamentalist; thus we have figures and only the face o

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If you enjoy reading about collecting and antiques rather than looking at the pictures, ask someone to give you The New Antiques by Bevis Hillier (Times Books, £5.95), or better still, buy it yourself. Mr Hillier has the blood of collecting in his veins (his father gave up a career in insurance to become the world entherity on the art of the Japanese wood engraver) and he must have been one of the youngest Times salu room correspondents ever at 23. No one can turn out an assessment of any topic in the collecting field with more flair for imparting interesting and unusual information. Many of the 54 pieces in this book (which readers of Time Times may well remember) have sown the seeds for longer monographs. They cover useful, and sometimes ornamental, objects created by former generations, "talismans of history which have something to tall us about the people who made, used or displayed them? Sensibly Mr Hiller writes from the stand-point that his readers, like himself, will pay £10 for something they like without turning too many hairs; £50 for an aspecially desirable treasure; up to £100 for something they want and more, much more, when unique opportunity offers. It is this last breed which distinguishes the genuine collector.

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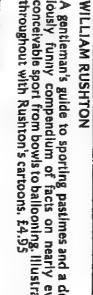
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mental glass designs was enormously wide. It included car mascots, and these figures are just one of an enormous variety in Car Mascots: An Enthusiasts Guide by Sirignano and Sulzberger (Macdonald & Jane's, £5.75). Many automobile manufacturers supplied them as standard equipment up to the 1940s, though they often varied from model to model. The early Alvis, for example, sported a hare; later models were supplied with an eagle. But many car owners preferred mascots that suited their individual tastes. Both Lalique and car mascots are included in Illustrated Dictionary of Glass by Harold Newman (Thames and Hudson, £10.50). The 2,442 crisply turned definitions show how far glass collectors have moved since the days when it was mostly drinking vessels they were after.

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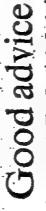
It has been said within my hearing that with a small garden you do not really need much in the way of gardening literature. But in many respects the smaller the graden the matter the gradest plans and satisfaction from it. So we welcone The Small Garden by John Brobees (Marshull Cavandish, £8.95). Obviously Mr Brookes or his collaborators have gone to immense trouble to assemble of literature and some So widely differing treatments of small gardens. There is nearly of illustrations of widely differing treatments of small gardens. Paving, roof and balcony gardens, growing vegetables and frults in a small space and some 30 subdivisions of the genoral section entitled "Designing with walls and enclosures, paving, roof and balcony gardens, growing vegetables and frults in a small space and some 30 subdivisions of the genoral section entitled "Designing with Plants". Anyone with a small space and some 30 subdivisions of a limited-aren. The overall impression of the many gardens illustrated is that they colour. This is not surprising because it is well known that many modern garden designers are scated of colour—usually because it is well known that many modern garden fitter colour. This is not surprising because it is britan and Neuthers Burgous by Marjorie signers are scated of colour—usually enough is prayed by know that gave in Marjorie Blancy's paintings of the out the contrast. Any Marjorie Hade out up the contrast of Britan by Roger Phillips (Ward Lock, 66.50) in which see for more flowers on a gaven of the panul is original—each page to fading traced by colour photographs. Their grouping of the bonk, and look for plants one make day. The photographs are ready beautiful. Each plant is description are to be found.

Thousands of people now go to the Mediterranean countries for holidays, or to resire,
away from the clutches of the tax man, so
it is not surprising that a book about plants
that grow in that region should appear. It
is Mediterranean Plants and Gordens by the
Vicounte de Noailles and Roy Lancaster
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is the obvious person to compile this beautiful
book about flowers you may see around the
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In the past few years we have had several
plant monographs, but the only one I pass
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found on the bedside tables of the Blessed Wordsmiths rather than in their reference shelves. There is nothing new in the complaint that language is being destroyed by the careless or the confidence tricksters. Aristorhancs attacked Euripides for his neologisms, and Shakespeare mocked the cuphnists, while himself coining words hand over fist. But we have suddenly become more concerned that English is being eaten away by a sort of Double Dutch Blut Disease of jurgon, waffle and dishonest cant. Kenneth Hudson lists the pet hêtes noires in his semantic menuscrite, and makes lively, sharm. By all accounts the Wild West was as disapproant them.

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A Dictionary of the Social Sciences, by Hugo F. Reuding (Routledge, E8.50 and E1.50) sets out to apply scientific method to the social sciences. Unfortunately the definitions of 7,500 horrendous terms of jargon are so short that they often make observity more opaque. I suppose we must find conn for it in a demonic unnexe of the celetrial library, just to give the Saints a horrid example of the numbo-jumbo with which references.

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with z or q or x or j should be required learning by every addict. The Book of Nonsenze: an anthology edited by Paul Jennings (Macdonald & Jane's, E6.95). Proper creative Nonzense, not accidions, involves seeing reality from the other side. . . . It involves the essential ability to ask what if ? " Thus Jennings defines his parameters before plunging in with a trio of Anons and chose on 200 items by 75 authors. Reachcamber comes out top with 18 and liter ever many of the expected nemes: Belloc, Benchley. A. P. Herbert, Lear, Nash, Perelman, Thurber. But it's less familiar entries that make this anthology one to be savoured. Try Charles Dudley Warner's I'm How I killed a Bear " and what about Charles Dickens Pickwack Pupers—ver, but there are chunks, too from Nicholus Nickely and Martin Charlesulus. Jennings gives the full four lines of the Marry Graham verse that ends "Children should be scen." or beard 1" And there's a genn: a cod Oxbridge examination paper of 1836, which oppens: "Translate the following into your worst Ionic, in the style of Herodotus." to injury Mr poem "Anon Sir Walter Latham), and to add insult Parsons then subscribes the (doubrfully attributed to

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material and forbade his executors ever to allow his own letters to be published. As Curtis remarks: the only version of his life he wanted to appear after his death was the Maughan version. Up to now he has Gebeun aucessful, Although the illustrated Ch format is similar, these two runninging Ch format is similar, these two runninging he easing and his work, offering two tofally different Tu appropriates by writers both fascinated by ppetitions aubject. The Scrabble Book, by Derryn Hinch (Muc-millan, £395). Auy scrious player of the game will improve his game under Mr Hinch's expert tuition. Did you know that the word saire is one of "the promiseums words" in the Scrabble language? Add any one of 16 of the 26 letters in the alphuber and you have a seven-letter word and bonus of 50. His lists of seven-letter words

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Greates, E6.50) is a history of mountaincering heginning with early attempts on the Apps, followed by the Eiger, Mount Arraut in Turkey, Mount Cook in New Zealand, the peaks in the American continents and finally the hig duddy of them all, the Himulayus. Newby tells his story crisply, helped by well-chosen pictures and straightforward musps. Yoshikaza. Shirakawa's pictures in Mimalayas (Abrams/New English Library, £11.50) are not for the vertiginous. He has pictured it in many monds and many colours pictured it in many monds and many colours—gulden like some startling outcrop of modern feweiry, grey, blue, purple, red. In the Through (Allen & Unwir, £10) is an account of the American expedition which in 1975 tried to climb K2, the second highest mountain in the world, which had for many years been forbidden territary to mountaineers. Rowell alternates between the American attempt and previous assaults on the mountain and others in the region.

Unicorn: Myth and Reality, by Ruiliger Robert Beer (Ash & Grant, E7.96) trunsluted by Charles M. Stern. The fabulous creatura has fascinated men for thousands of years, and yet it has never existed. Or has it? The author tracks down the earliest mention of unicorns, but no one owns up to having scen one. A lovely book, with hundreds of illustrations, some in colour, tracing the elegant has prints of the unicorn through art, culture and literature to the present day. Dance Little Lady: the Dars of the Debulant, by Margaret Pringle (Orbis, £6.75). An extensively illustrated account of the heyday and decline of an upper-class folly that fluttered through several decades before being sunfred out early in the more realistic secund Elizabethan ago. Ms Pringle lets the debs and their delights do much of the talk ing. Whereas the indulydual ancedotes and frolics are so much high-flown froli the statistics of what it all cost are revealing if only as a reminder of how inflation has hit deep in the past 25 years, in 1950 a channeyague supper dance for 130 people cost £212. It officially came to an ead in 1958 with 1,41 debs presented at court in the rish before presentations were finally abolished. With Anthony Curtis' Somerset Mangham (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £5.50) following Frederic Raphael's Somerset Mangham and alts World (Thumes & Hudson, £3.95) it is apparent that the mysterles and the cource surrounding Willie Maugham will fuel a host of literary investigations in the coming yeurs. Mangham ruthlessly destroyed

It's not just the Chinese who are getting a new look at A Midsummer Night's Dreum this wanter. A previously unpublished version, neatly hand-lettered by Gruly Hewitt, and with fal-de-lais by Arthur Rackham hus just been issued, prepared from a manuscript privately made for the Sisance Collection in New York in 1928 (Weidenfeld & Niculson, £12.50).

As an adjunct to the play it is negligible, but will presumably have an attraction for Sackham-fancter—and there may well be some of those in China too.

It is presumably no coincidence to find among the Inter a new edition of the prists first A Midsummer Night's Dream, done in 1908 (Heinemann £7.50). It is an ultogether strenger piece of fillustration than the later version—while still having only murtinal relevance to Shnkesocare's textbut it bunches, are pale shadows of stose in the first edition. Iwo great English churchos have celebrated significant anniversuries this year: the Norman Abbey of St Albans its 900th; and York Minster its 1,350th. In recent years the later has been the subject of the most detailed study by investigators from the

Royal Commission on Histurical Monumouss and the University of York, whose findings form the busis of A History of York Minster collited by G. E. Aylmer and Regimuld Cant (Uxford, E9.75). The stone and mortar apart the contributors also deal with every uspect of ecclestartical life as it has touched the Minster. The result is a magnificent and scholarly tribute. St Albuns, as beifts one 450 years younger, celebrates in a less comprehensive manner. Calbedral and Cily is R Albuns Ancient and Modern (Martyn Associates/Leo Cooper, £4.95 and £1.95) is a collection of aix lectures by Asa Briggs, Christopher Breoke, Martin Biddle, Shoppurd Free, Owen Chadwick and the present to the future of the diocese.

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Making his way fastidiously through the assorted ponies, dunkeys, ducks, hens, sheep and casts of our Black Mountain merage, the other day the postman brought me for review a gigantic selection of this year's hooks about zoos, however estiduously disguised as Wild Life Peaks or conservational charities, and ignoring any that seemed to deal with milmals patronic lingly or faterferingly, I presently chose from this literary unemagened five works wilch struck me as particularly good Christmus presents, and which were at the same time greesents, and which were at the same time good cariety in the same time good christmus presents, and which were at the same time presents and which were at the same time greesents, and which were at the same time present that the books of this gifted yearly hat the books of this gifted gard. freedom

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There were serveral equally handsome books about marine zeiology in the pile, so I chose the one that secured the bost value for the money, Mananals of the Seas by Richard Mark Martin (Barsford, £4.55). I liked not only the tone of furious passement concerning the marder of wheles end the insufferable exploitations of dolphilms, but also its ordered arrangement and film pictures. Evolution, or something, seems to be living Man back to the deep see, so the somet wa get to

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se animals in the hord. Most of them are spanish Asmy horse later to be rounded to, paracled and I suppose manocurred for war; but in the meantlane, it appears, they live in a condition of semi-liberry, and Mr y ways is thus able to portray Equus. The Lord Horse, as hearly as possible as he might be if he had never been saddled at all. If Sauge Purdise was a song, Equus is mystery. The horse always acoms to me the strangest of animals, in his peculiar combination of the docile and the revolutionary, but never have I seen his areas quality as trencindously expressed as It is in these truly marvellous pictures. Here the furious eye, the flamed nostril, the foam-flocked mouth and the tousled mane acquire a here yendous of some tribut purpose:

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The author asserts that he has been recording lis relatives accounts of family life since the was 12. No doubt he has chosen a pseudonym for his village as self-preservation. His family were a remarkable lot, and it takes a chapter or two before separate identities comerge from behind the names. Mr Robinger from behind the names. Mr Robingen and endightful line drawnings at the hoad of each chanter and end papers that add perfici photographio flatour to what goes in between.

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These small errors—and a drastic pricelolding reduction in the number of colour
plates—apart, all is joy. Admirers of The
Twenties and The Thirties will want The
Forties for Christmas, anyway, but for those
who are less familiar with him let nurehearse Mr Jenkins's method and virtues.
In 20 short and relevantly illustrated chupters, he tackles the decade by themes, using
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He makes the extraordinary seem normal and the everyday bizarre. He is honest and witty, and his judgments—on Coward's present Laughter, Barbirolli in Manchester, war movies ("We did knike that"), or the arrival of Angus Wikon—are sensitive and well-informed. In Churchill he recognized all the old tricks and reminds us that the decision to follow sud believe was not impulsive but deliberate: the performance was the point. He can be bitter and harsh to the point of invasility: A journalist trained in the immediate posting a vary years of newarplint shortage, Alan Jeurkins in at present unrivalled as a popular historian of the scrapbook school, and it is heartering that his work not only continues to give enormous pleasure but shows signs of being taken seriously, too.

In Berlin during the recent Council of Europe Exhibition copies of The Thernics were cheering up all the most highbrow bookshops off the Kurfinstendamm, and five weeks ago I saw it again, raffish yet icon-like on a most peculiar place of furniture, in the outskirts of Rotterdam. The Thirries was equally seductive, and now Mr Jenkins and his talented toam—picture research but westerham Press—have reached the middle of their journey. This also means they have caught up with me.

I was four when the war started, but until I read The Forties, I had forgotten that I ever knew about tissue paper over torches of sticky tape on glass. Mr Jenkins has also be brought back into my life the memory of dried egg powder, green ration books and dried egg powder, green ration books and the Wagnerian tones of the first time the illick in and the Wagnerian notes of the Marrelliale.

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The Courts of Europe The Press provides much of the rest; Zoot suits, Now Look, dancing couples at Rainbow Corner; a most wholosome Peggy Loe; and Hermione Gingold, she of the too rerely scenard underrated logs, as a jubricious Britannila.

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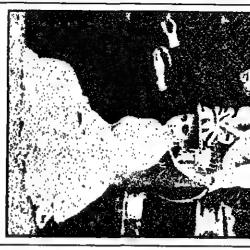
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The Great Exhibitions, by John Allwood (Studio Vista, £12.50). "Immensity is not the strongest claim to public interest", declared the Louisiana Purchase Exposition smugly in 1904, having already made sure that it was by far the most immense fair of all time (and still is). Hard to imagine anyone wanting to read a chronological history of international exhibitions straight through, but, going back before Prince Albert and coming forward this side of Osaka, Mr Allwood has unearthed a mass of anecdote and aspiration that makes dipping into his book at any piace a pleasure. Many of the pictures (even of Wenbley) are unfamiliar ones; the International Exhibition Building at Sydney in 1879, for example, looks like an Edna Everage hat and gives great hope that the Australian Bicentennial Exhibition



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will be cheering us all up with improprieties of design ten years from now.

The National Trust Guide, by Rohin Fedden and Rosenary Joekos (Cape, E7.95). A revised edition, introducing the buildings, gardens, coast and country owned by the National Trust, fully illustrated in black and white and colour. The Guide describes in categories, so if you are going on a trip it is as well to consult the maps provided, otherwise it is all one could possibly want. The National Trust Year Book 1977-78 (Europa Publications, E7) has nine easier by different authorities on aspects of the work of the National Trust, including Avide Leesfilme's interesting piece on Lawrence Johnson (creator of the gardens at Hidcote), and a lively account of a visit to Wyndham Ketton-Cremer at Feibrigg by Brinsley Ford, who also contributes on the work of the National Trust and the National Arc-Collections Fund (of which he is Chairman).

The Reader's Digest Household Manual (19.95) and The Reader's Digest Family Book of Things to Make and Do (18.95). As usual, beautiful to look at, marvellously well printed and presented. The Reader's Digest had come up with two more volumes on how to take care of all our wants. The Household Manual takes in duvet making to cooking, starting with a chart for buying a house step by step, and anding up (not surprisingly, because that's what most people want houses for) with giving birth, Things to Make and Do include Printing, Photography, Knitting, Weaving, Woodwork and even Tricks for the the Home Conjuror—many a budding Tommy coper will be made happy, Just make yourself a party mask and steal avery.

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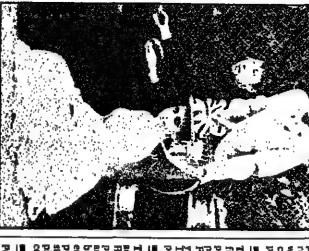
The Nothing Book (Omnibus, £2.95). Beauti fully bound, here is a new edition of the popular Nothing Book, which contains blank pages only, this year, Rainbow Edition in Full Colour I or with pages in shades of yellow, pink, beige, blue, orange and green. The nicest silly present, but what can they possibly do for next year?

The Irish World, the history and cultural achievements of the Irish people (Thames & Hudson, £10.50). To remind us of a glorious past and a continuing tradition rather than an ugly present, eleven distinguished contributors take a period each and work from the earliest beginnings in pre-history to the present horror of Ulster, Maryellously illustrated, worth the hefty price for the pictures alone, some in exceedingly good

and Verse on a Variety of Thomes. Made by Ian Parsons, and illustrated by John Ward (Chatto & Windus, £4.50). Ian Parsons has chosen English poems from the 16th century to the present day for this handsomely printed and defty illustrated anthology. There is nothing by living poets—and the fact that the only two specimens of work by Fine the fact which Mr Parsons has found worthy of inclusion turn out to be two different kinds of Practical Cat may serve to indicate the book's limitations. Briefly, the taste is neo-Georgian and the anthology's arrangements in sections ("Country Pleasures", "Love and Friendship", "The Vision Splendid", atc) is reminiscent of the sort of thing which inspired Robert Graves and Laura Riding to produce their Pomphlet Against Anthologies just half a century ago, and light verse generally. There is nothing by John Clare, Ralegh's "As you came from the holy land" is printed in a version that differs in more than a dozen places from the text established by his best editor (Agnes)

moto of Japan are presented in Admirals by Richard Hough id & Nicolson, E6.50) as exemplars refession and its development on scale over a period of some 400 here again the admirable illustrate dominate the text. Turning the lower deck, Saller by Dr Alam (Macdonald & Jane's, E6.50) is a pictorial history of life aboard ifferent navies from 1840 to 1976. Cling of the "Prince of Wales" and lise "is described meticulously and deteil in Battleship by Martin ok and Partick Mahoney (Allen ok and Partick Mahoney (Allen bigger overall toll of lives was e of the Atlantic—and there are books with that title The deeper the study by John Costello and ghes (Collins, E6.95), while the fibe rival work by Barria Pitts (Time-Life, E5.95) lies in its photographu.

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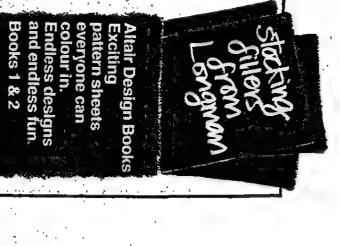
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We come to earth with much the same remarks about a companion-volume, Tanks and Flighting Vehicles by Christopher Foss and Flighting Vehicles by Christopher Foss and Flighting Vehicles in a plethorn of coloured illustrations and technical detail.

There are skill a lot of ageing gentlemen who swallow hard when they see the letters "Parky", remembering the legend that the sight in Panzer by Philip Warner (Weidenfield & Nicolson. E495), with some more fine pictures.

I would not normally mention yet another bitchonery of Milltary Uniform by W. H. Carman (Bassford, 65,50) were it not that the alphabetically arranged definitions take in covery flourish and accountment, useful and nations from the seventeenth century on the roles, worn by soldiers of different nations from the seventeenth century on ward. I know now that "Nivernols" is a styling of tricorn hat.

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where and do anything on water. They trace a course from the American Civil War to the present, with a speculative projection

any narrative history about the heulth, education, discipline and other conditions of the British Regular Army between 1859 of the British Regular Army between 1859 and 1899—the men who extended and held the biggest empire the world has ever seen with numbers that never exceeded a quartermillion. There were as many as that in the Imperial Austrian Army in the eighteenth century, with only Middle Europe to think about, and the list of units—norably those dashing hussar regiments—is not the least attraction of Christopher Duffy's The Army of Maria Thereen. The Armed Forces of Imperial Austria, 1740-1780 (David & Charles, E6.50).

Whether one is a partisan for Montgomery or Auchinieck, or invokes a plague on both their blouses, one cannot but admire the strength and vigour of the case put forward in The Auk: "Yettor at Alamein by Roger Parkinson (Harr-Davis, MacCibbon. £9.50). Interest centres on the first and loss of Auchinieck, the author produces some to Auchinieck, the author produces some shaky witnesses, notably the German General Bayerlein, addressing himself implicitly to the Auk: "You very nearly succeeded in the Auk in

Laurence Cotterell

breaking through our positions several times between the 10th and 26th. If you could have continued to attack for only a could have continued to attack for only a could have continued to flave chane." Alas, victories are never connected with the ward "If". Montgonery is compared with another of our North African senerals, Kennich Anderson. in The Plain Cook and the Great Showman by Gregory Blayland (Kimber. E6.95) Anderson and his short-lived First Army had a raw deal from the planners, from unfavourable said offen industry, and from the god of hattles. Ironically, as Mr Blayford shows the reference in the long plod through light was composed mainly of units that had been in the much-derided First Army which won new laurels on the long plod through light company on the long plod through light on one personal reminiscence: Charlie company on the surface this is simply an account of the fortunes of one company of the Company of the surface this is simply an account of the fortunes of one company of the cumeron Highlanders in an odvecay through North and East Africa and Italy, but was unusual for a young officer to serve so long (and to find the contain the same infuntry and although he was away from his fomily of Company for a year, recovering form serious woweds. Cochrane was that rite mysterious woweds. Cochrane was that rite mysterious woweds. Cochrane was that rite mysterious woweds away from his fomily of Company for a vear, recovering could nover the number of what whe have sought, but once in it they knew what have sought, but once in it they knew what have sought, but once in it they knew what have such a clohr, moving and ovocative portrayal of what war is really about in human terms—not even if one of them of the literary style of

Among the other military books published this year:

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Hazel, and it appeared in America in conjunction with an exhibition which was first
shown at the Brooklyn Museum, (A smaller
exhibition of Hine's Child Labour Photographs can be seen at the Scottlsh Photographs Croup's Stills Gallery in Edinburgh
until December 3. Hine's photographs of

Alfred Steiglizz was not among the very greatest of American photographers, but his achievement in establishing photography as an art form on a par with pinfiting in the USA was an enormous one. He also had a great influence on the development of American painting through his showing of European avant-garde art at his 291 gallery in New York. Alfred Stieglitz and the American Avant-Garde by William Inus Concerned with this aspect of Stieglitz's life and work.

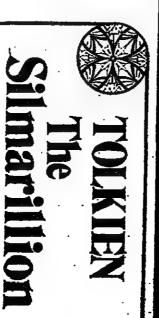
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its target disintegrates : from Worlds Within (Secker & Warburg, £7.95 and £3.95)

Robert Muller and introduction by Hopkins (£2.95). Pracer also publish in fixtain the Aperture History of Photography scries (£3.95 each). Photographers included so fur are André Keutész, Larigue, Stiegitz, Robert Frank, Cartier-Bresson and Wyna Bullock, good value for money and a practical compact size.

The photographic yearbooks might at first glance be clismissed as of specialist interest only. In fact they often couldin extremely useful material. The Creative Camera Interpational Year Book 1978 (Gordon France, £9.95) has a section of photographs by the great Russian constructivist Alexander Rodchenko who in the twenties and thirties devoted most of his time to photography. It also includes a number of texts on photography. It also includes a number of texts on photography by Rodchenko translated into English and gathered together for the first time. (An exhibition of Rodchenko's photographs is at the Third Eye Centre in Glasgow matif November 27). The yearbook also includes a fine selection of architectural and landscape photographs by Edwin Smith some of whose pictures cap be seen at the House Gallery, in London, until December 18.

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Other recommendations are John Yeomun's The Young Performing Horse, energetically illustrated by Quentin Blake (Hamilton, £2.55), and Mary Raynor's Garth Fig and the Icotream Lady—a welcome, if slightly slapdash, roturn of Father and Mother Pig's intrepid, wolf-defeating boys and girls (Macmillan, £3.25).

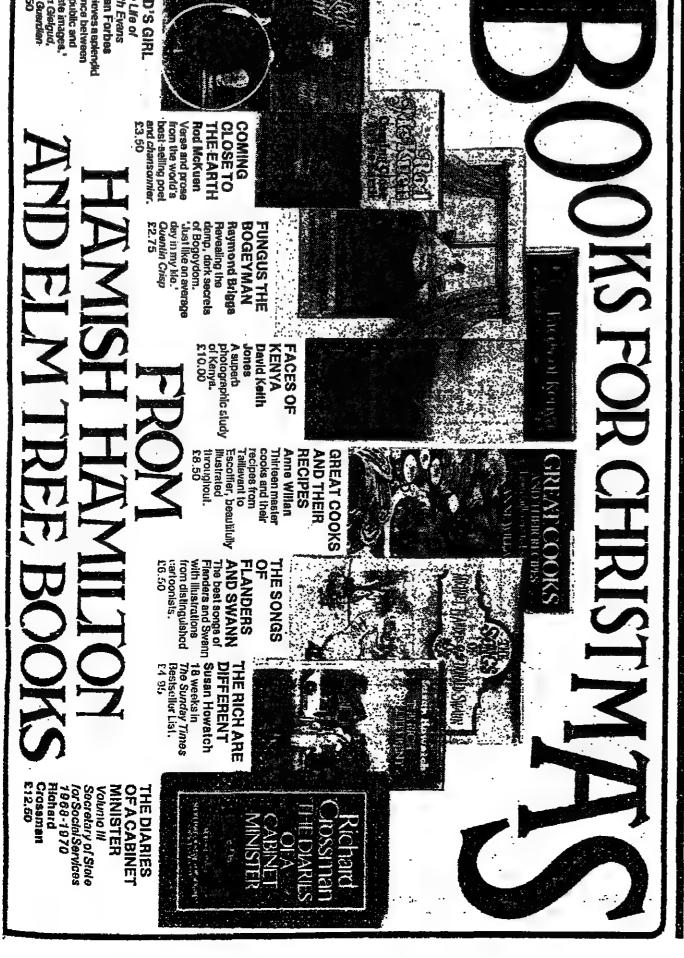
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rillage. She is imaginative, aware of human pathos, cynical about sex but needing affection, rendy to quote T. S. Elion and with a cold cye for adult make-believe and irresponsibility. Also responsive to the historical. She finds disturbing remainders of past lives and havoe: ruins, a churchyard filled with monks' bones, sallors' bones, and black sharp rocks hung with memories of wrecks. Affected by the atmospher of the lost and discarded, by that trendy and uppleasant word "vibes", she develops queer psyclic visitations, particularly in a musty had a skull exudes kineric energy with knockous skull exudes kineric energy with knockous force. She feels someone needs her help, an invisible personality, an unlikely emanacient from a distant conflict mysteriously surviving in this region of dangerous seas. Hypnotic experiments induce further experiments induce further experise in nu actual instantial storm, wreck, cruel spoilers. Henceforward the skull and an old military tunic seem heatricably related, as the first phost of a Victorian lifeboat stalwart is in collusion, tragic, perhaps terrifying, with the spirit of a drowned, unburied soldier, reputedly a hero, though reputations of the spirit of a drowned, unburied soldier, a trifle overloaded with curates and theological faceitousness, and with some final exorcist rites that may reduce the story's undoubted power, it is an interesting the generation ago.

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Emily of New Moon By L. M. Montgomery (Harrap, £3.95)

When in 1908 Lucy Maud Montgomery published Anne of Green Gables ("an umusing and harmless little rele for Sunday School librarios and 'kiddles'") she found she had written a bast-seller which swept the world, dragging in its wake seven sequels from its increasingly unwilling author who by 1921 was writing: "I am heartly sick of Anne and wonder that the public lan't too". It was in 1921 that Maud Montgomery "created a new kind of heroine"—Entity of New Moon, Entity was one of the few books with which the author expressed herself truly satisfied, perhaps because she put so much of her own childhood into it. Reading her biography. The Wheel of Things, by Mollie Giffen (Harrap, £4.95) it is often difficult to disentangle the real Maud from her after ago Emily. Certainly

of them left a striking record of tenancy—
a giant white horse curved deep into the
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Uffington, How did it get there? What did it symbolise? These are the questions which wiss Sutcliff uses as a springboard for the Miss Sutcliff uses as a springboard for discovery rends like a chant covoking ancient speech patterns and forgotten codes of behaviour.

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Lubrin beside her, And Lubrin cried for her soing, all through one long rainy nutuum with the fire went on.

Chieftain of the leen', is destined to sacretice himself for his people. His personal fatto is tragic but the perspective of the book is upilifying. Miss Sutcliff finds soluce in the reconciling beauty of Nature is indestructible. As is Man's sout—his of the future.

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Minid was 'ritlened and indignon that Emily should be described as just 'another Anne'. Indeed one may speculate that had Emily come first, she too might have been a rimaway success. Certailly she was held in great affection and exteem by those who discovered her—wide Mary Wisson's enshusisatic Foreword to the new caltion. What a pity that the publishers should have given the bnok such a drab, uranviting facker which is sulte at odds with the book's portrayal of the small close-knit community on Prince Edward Island in the first decade of this century. Pseudo-trendy Emily of the jacker has nothing to do with the rather solitary, dreamy Emily or the affectionate humour and petry jealousles of the farming folk among whom she found herself.

The orphan theme

The Foundling
By Shelin Crawford
(Oxford, £2.95)

Prince or pouper? At the age of 13 Nathun's "Pupi and Mami!" reveal that he was found in a ditch. So, with his piritical of the parents. Their adventures take them into the Forest, a sinister region in the Dordogne where Sheila Crawford herself lived with her family for a year. In a foreword and posterior she describes low she became fascinated with the district, its finguous history and the work of a nine result century nevel st. Eugene Le Roy, who wrote as it were from the other end of her own imagination about parents whose baby distripanced from their doorstep.

This is Mrs Crawford's first movel for children and she is learning. Her style often plots like an over-fatchful translation, but the orphun theme is always a winner, and leer own fascination with her subject communicates itself. Her characters live. You can picture them in their different and cottages—eating delectable peasant fare sentings—a chatefur, a willow cabin, borne and surviving dangers with the charming innocence of children in an old-tashioned feary tale.

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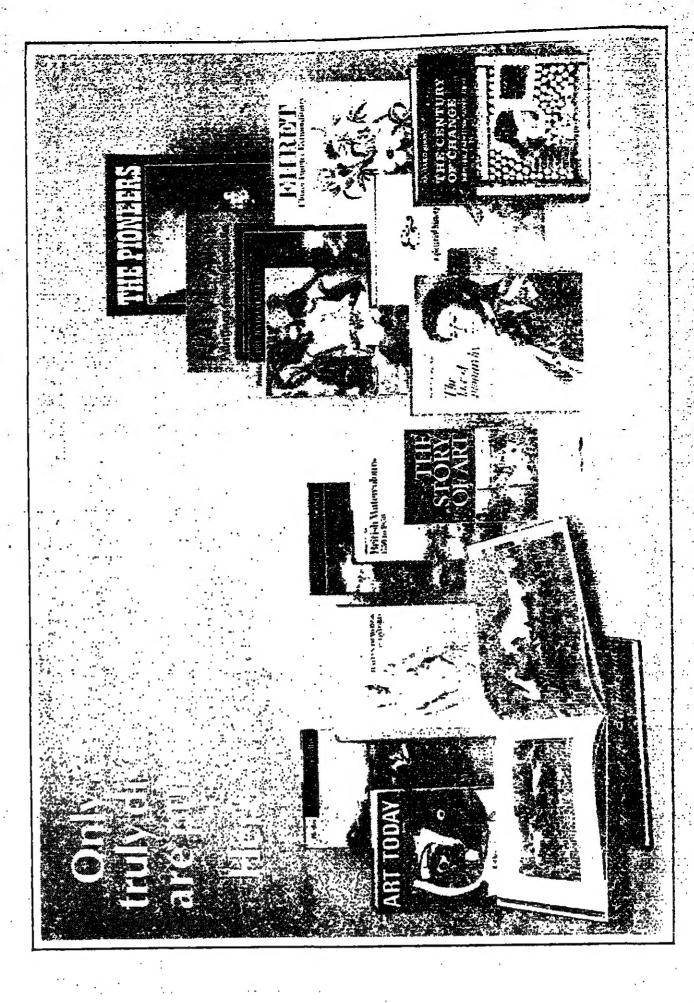
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Woolf, in two volumes handsomely boxed with portunits by Roger Fry and Duncan Grant (Paladin, £2.65). From Panther (at £4.50) comes Virginia herself with A Room of One's Own, Orlando, Jacob's Room, Mrs Dailowsy and The Years.

Somerimes I find myself disliking an author so nuch personally that it colours my view of his work. Ernest Hemitigway was not my kind of man; live of his best, The Snows of Kiliman, and the Sea, are hoxed (Panther, E380) and he did win a Nobel Prize for Literature. Siightly grudging (in that I didn't care for him either after reuding his biography) is my appreciation of Aldous Huzley, whose early satirical brilliance and later decline is ofnonicled in The Classic Works (Panther, E595). Brave New World, Chrome Yellow, Brief Candles, The Devils of Loudun, After Many a Summer, Island, The Doors of Perception/ Henven and Hell. For those who think they could manage the life but not the works, there is Marcel Proust, by George D. Painter (Perceptine, 2 vols, E5) one of the most admired biographies in recent times for its subject. Laurle Lee's Cider with Rosie is a marvellous evocation of the country 50 years ago, and there are three other volumes of autobiography to go while k, I Can't Stay Long, As I Walked Out One Midsunancer Morning, and A Rose for Winter (Penguin, E2.50) in a life that has stretched from the Cotswolds to Andalusia. Under the title Hillaby Walks (Paladdin, E3.25) is Journey through Britain, Journey through Burope and Actor that Journey that which makes that suppealing even to those who don't care to walk move chan 100 yards at a time. After that, Everest the Hard Way, by Chris Boundagton (Arrow, £1.25) is for the more advanced walker, an account as we will know of americal walker, an account as we will a colour.

Amsterdam, Because of the Cats, Double-Barrel, The King of the Rainy Country, and A Long Silence (Penguin, £2.95), in which two bullets put un end to Van der Valk (don't tell Barry Fostey). Boldly called The Action Fack, Fontana offers Alistair MacLean's The Dark Crusader, Desmond Bagiey's The Tightrope Men, Brian Callison's A Flock of Sulps, and Terror's Cradie, by Duncan Kyleo, Frederick Forsyth's phenomenal best sellors, The Day of the Jackni, The Odessa File, and The Dogs of War, come from Corgi at £2.75.

For those whose tastes are more cerebral, the first three volumes of J. I. M. Stewart's Oxford quintet, A Staircase in Surrey (Magnum, £2.75), are The Gaudy, Young Patullo, and A Memorial Stevice, full of donnish humour which catches you suddenly about the ribs at unexpected moments.

I am not a fan of Kurt Yonnegut, but many are, and his brilliant, explosive, worrying and funny novels are packaged by Panthur at £4 in bright canary yellow and include Bless You, Mr. Rosewater, Happy Self Portrait, 1943: from The Magic Mirror of M. C. Escher.

d trempe Pocil whose extraordinary drawings are now sold as popular posters.

For sheer entertainment there are the thirdlers—The Best of Len Deighton (Panther, 4.25) and the best is very good indeed—Spy Story, Horse Under Water, Billion Dollar Brain, The Ipcress File, An Expensive Place to Die, and Yesterday's Spy. Five from Nicholas Freeling, Love in Mirthday Wanda June, Welcome to the Monkey Rouse, Mother Night, Slaughters house 5, and Breakfast of Champions. Fars of SF will welcome The Best of Ray Bradbury (I could wish that publishers could not have all had the same briling the could not have all had the same briling to dea this year), Fuhrenhelt 454, The Golden Apples of the Sun, The Illustrated Man (Panther, £3.40).

Four bonk: of crosswords from The Times and The Sunday Times (Penguin, 1261), and The Sunday Times (Penguin, 1261), and The Sunday Times (Penguin, 1261), and for the country to five way, there are three volumes of autobiography from El Alamein to victory (Curgi, 1235) and Aua Curfe from Field Morshal Lord Montgomery, from El Alamein (Mayshall Lord Montgomery of Alamein (Mayshams). The test of the whole of the Western Desert compaigns put regaller.

To take the tusto of gunpowder away (or whatever it is they use nowadays) The Beart of Thurber (Penguin, 13,35) effects The Beart of Thurber Carntwal, and with E. B. White, is Sex Necessary Pechasics of humonry which I am suro will never die or grow old.

Magnum have done us a favour this year in A Sellur and Yealman Compendium (1275) with, 1066 and All That, And Now Mill This, Horse Nonsense, and Garden Rubbish, much loved in the past, with all the original 1930s drawings. Some of it strikes no now as the category "glastly facetions," but 1186 is as funny as ever, Aid to visit beachcomber: the works of J. B. Murton, edited by Richard Ingrams (Future, 1295) with 1866 is as funny as ever. Aid to visit beachcomber: the works of J. B. Murton, edited by Richard Ingrams (Future, 1295) and Joy Manney be pretty well unconfined.

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shut her eyes and smiled. She touched the two pearls. They seemed to her like a necklace and a crown. She felt for the ends of the shawl but could not find them because the shawl had become a gown in which transformed, transported, she could dance through the as yet unit corridors of the castle of her history and her future in the arms of a man who would one day love her and whom she would love.

t milk or water but now, having to milled claret in her father's ken it down to the kitchen and mo a mug, she slpped it and reflection in the glass. Around it the thread on which she had two pearls, and around her er christening shawl. A thought but she could not easily formuses at down by the chimney-piece well, here is my coach poked waited for the white mice, her flows to come out of their hole, always did when she was alone, they were late.

down some scraps of cheese invitation) and hummed some ice them. She picked a log from put it on the fire to make a no both of memory and desire ing and of a tale and of the anquility.

her shoes off and her patched not her bare feet closer to the then (shyly as if uncertain of day) the mice emerged one by lame of the fire coloured the f their fur, enriched her shabby mice subbiled at the cheese but to lose interest in it as though the twice interest in it as though the remarked, to the sound of the rhead, rubbed softly against the nof her toes and ankles, so that encased in a pair of transparent is in which she believed she could just through the night but for

After the Funeral will be published in a limited edition at £30 in the automic of 1978 by the Whitington Press, Andoversford, Gioucester-shire.

e log suddenly emitted sparks one hundreds of chandeliers ed stone of the chimney. She

when she opened her eyes the fire had all but gone out. The clock that never chimed showed midnight. She lit fresh candles from the one that was guttering and placed them in the hell as a welcome home for her father and sisters, set some cold meats and milk out for them, put the great oak door on the latch, lit her own candle and climbed the tower; at every bwist and turn greeting or taking leave of her own shadow.

In her room she undressed, blew the candle out. She opened the broken-paned by-clad window to the summer moonlight and gazed out, resting her elbows on the sill and realized that very som she would be 16 and a grown woman and that although as you left childhood belief dot have to go to a funeral you did not have to you if you heard the muste end saw the pictures in the fire—and felt the presence, the touch of arms around your shoulders, the presence of the fourth of fingertips on your cheeks, the someone far away who wished you well.

She could hear the sound of the mertinest to bed, composed herself to sleep. There would be a lot to do tonnarrow.

No new Greene this year (next April) or nothing big and energetic to compare with last year's Saulile or Falstaff, only a disappointing Fowles (Daniel Martin), these she facts seem to have encouraged the idea that isn't, of course.

There is Anthony Burgess. With a vitality only just controlled by wit he has flung his buoyant personality across the pages of two books this year—two books they are represented by with a cutrent is held against him in some critical quarters.

Hut Abba Abba (Faber, E395) was a rigorous filelye joke about Keats hobnobbing with a racy Italian counterpoet in regency Rome—a lively excuse for Burgess of two points a long set of disgracefully sharp sometimes about Christianity: the Old Testar counterpoet in the Burd's Roman Women (Hutchinson, E425), his second roma, is a holiday tale about death, a tale which in manory becomes a rayth. Reading Burgess convences you that the Regist novel is in good expatriate thands—flawed and wordy and inventive, a bedside liability in that he keeps you awake with his felicitous impertinence.

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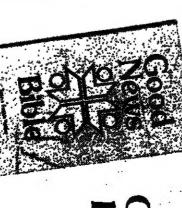
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punctured the year. Ferlings. Barbarn Pynn, with Quartet in Autumn (Macmillan, £3.55), with quartet in Autumn (Macmillan, £3.55), with quartet in Autumn (Macmillan, £3.55), is the most utilinately refined, Olivia Manning. In The Danger Tree (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.95) the most siylish.

Among the ladies, only Bainbridge, who has now earned the critical use of surname close of surname alone, like Murdoch) has energy enough to carry us into a world beyond ourselves, while at the Murdoch) has energy enough to carry us into a world beyond ourselves, while the favour striked use of surname closes into the murk of the present. There's the little of a melodramatic, generously humoured Dickens inside that girl, awaiting a chance deeper than her Injury Time (Duckworth, £3.95) was mugged by the critical in the rexperiment, the real lard-to-read girl of the novel as art? Gabriel Josipovici (Milgrafions—Harvester, £3.95) was mugged by the critical in the newspaper alleys where an interest i I scout for his publisher) find his book tough going, of course; but think to knives flash. Even I (hereby declaring an interest i I scout for his publisher) find his book tough going, of course; but think of it as a blood transfusion for other novel its supplied to go for mext year's readers. A more sopulated images of the way we live, can be found in the experimental Giles Gordon's Enemies (Harvesier, £3.95) another good year again (Burgess also indicates it) has postly a good the will nationals of other countries (Harvesier, £3.95) another good year again (Burgess also indicates it) start we English these days are best and most potanamity reflected when cast abroad, in omic contrast to the will nationals of other countries for his style, ultra-conservative in the same policy of fashioned philosophy for the same policy of fashioned philosophy in the propoper of the surface of poolle of the world far more valuable to us—and likelier to the articles of pool of the surface of the policy of the more of the policy of the more of the pol

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